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Television news lights await the start of activity on Capitol Hill in Washington as both houses of Congress return to full legislative session. Lawmakers are streaming back to Capitol Hill after this year's summer vacation for an abbreviated September session in which feuding Democratic and Republican leaders promise action to prevent a government shutdown while holding votes aimed at defining the parties for the fall campaign.

(AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

Congress Returns From Summer Vacation

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawmakers are streaming back to Capitol Hill after their summer vacation for an abbreviated September session in which feuding Democratic and Republican leaders promise action to prevent a government

shutdown while holding votes aimed at defining the parties for the fall campaign. Republicans control the House of Representatives and want to pad their 17-vote majority, so they intend to follow this simple rule: first, do no harm. Last fall, they sparked a par-

tial government shutdown over the implementation of President Barack Obama's health care law. Now, Republicans are pressing for drama-free passage of a temporary spending bill to prevent a shutdown at month's end and fund government agencies into mid-December.

The Senate is sure to go along if the measure is kept free of objectionable additions. House Republicans also plan votes aimed at drawing attention to legislation they say would boost jobs and energy production. "We're set up to paint a very stark contrast between

ourselves and the Democrats who run Washington — if we take advantage of it by getting our work done and getting our message out," House Speaker John Boehner told colleagues in a conference call last week.

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Arab League Chief: Confront Islamic State militant group

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CAIRO (AP) — The head of the Arab League urged its members Sunday to confront Islamic State extremists “militarily and politically,” issuing an apparent call to arms as President Barack Obama prepares to go to lawmakers and the American public with his own plan to stop the militants. Backing from the 22-country Arab League could

Tuesday and then outline his plan to the war-weary American public Wednesday, the eve of the 13th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks.

“I just want the American people to understand the nature of the threat and how we’re going to deal with it and to have confidence that we’ll be able to deal with it,” Obama said in an interview broadcast Sunday on NBC’s “Meet the Press.”

news agency said a resolution backing cooperation with the U.S. would go before members Sunday. He did not elaborate.

But a draft resolution obtained by The Associated Press offered only routine condemnation of terrorist groups operating in the region. It also called on member states to improve information-sharing and legal expertise in combating terrorism, and to prevent the paying of ransom



Iraqi security forces and Shiite militiamen fire at Islamic State group positions during an operation outside Amirli, some 105 miles north of Baghdad, Iraq. The head of the Arab League urged its members Sunday to confront Islamic State extremists “militarily and politically.”

(AP Photo)

provide crucial support across the Middle East for Obama’s effort to assemble an international coalition against the Islamic State, the marauding group that has conquered a swath of Iraq and Syria and committed beheadings and mass killings to sow terror.

Already, NATO forces have agreed to take on the extremists.

Arab League chief Nabil Elaraby said that what is needed from Arab countries is a “clear and firm decision for a comprehensive confrontation” with “cancerous and terrorist” groups. The Arab League includes Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Lebanon, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates.

Obama will meet with congressional leaders on

In new airstrikes Sunday, the U.S. targeted Islamic State fighters in Iraq’s long-contested Anbar province for the first time, launching attacks with bomber and fighter aircraft.

The American military said the airstrikes destroyed, among other things, an Islamic Group command post and several vehicles, two of which were carrying anti-aircraft artillery.

It wasn’t immediately clear what steps the Arab League would take in supporting the West’s campaign against the Islamic State. And reaching a consensus on how to move could be complicated by Arab world rivalries and member countries’ different spheres of influence.

An Arab diplomat speaking to Egypt’s official MENA

to militants. Elaraby himself noted that the Arab League’s member states have failed to help each other in the past when facing local armed groups, often because of disagreements and fear of being accused of meddling in one another’s affairs.

He called the Islamic State a threat to the existence of Iraq and its neighbors. It is “one of the examples of the challenges that are violently shaking the Arab world, and one the Arab League, regrettably, has not been able to confront,” he said.

A decades-old joint Arab defense agreement states that member countries can act alone or collectively to ward off attack and restore peace by all means, including force. □

Palestinian president Abbas urges Hamas to yield power

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RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — The new Palestinian unity government faced a new crisis on Sunday after President Mahmoud Abbas threatened to dissolve his alliance with Hamas if the Islamic militant group does not give up power in the Gaza Strip.

The dispute erupted just over two weeks after Israel’s war against Hamas in Gaza ended in a cease-fire. Abbas is looking to regain a foothold in Gaza, which suffered heavy losses during the fighting, and expects to play a leading role in internationally backed reconstruction efforts. His comments, which also included harsh criticism of Hamas’ conduct in the war, appeared to be part of a brewing power struggle over who will control post-war Gaza.

Hamas has controlled Gaza since overrunning Abbas’ forces in 2007. Facing international isolation and a deep financial crisis, the Islamic militant group agreed to the formation of a new unity government with Abbas’ Fatah movement in June, in which it would restore governing power to Abbas in the territory. But it has yet to yield power — even after the devastating war against Israel, which killed more than 2,100 Palestinians and caused billions of dollars of damage.

“We will not accept having a partnership if their status in Gaza remains this way,” Abbas said late Saturday in Cairo in comments carried by Egypt’s state news agency MENA.

“Unity has terms. This situation does not represent any kind of unity,” Abbas said. “If Hamas does not want one authority, one law, one weapon, we will not accept a partnership with it.” Abbas said that as long as Hamas remains in control of Gaza, he added, “the government of national unity can do nothing on the ground.”

The comments set the stage for what are expected to be difficult negotiations with Hamas in the coming days. With his criticism, Abbas appears to be putting pressure on Hamas to make concessions in the talks. Ismail Radwan, a Hamas leader, denounced Abbas’ comments, saying they “contradict the spirit of the new partnership and play down the victory of the resistance.”

Under the unity agreement, Abbas formed a Cabinet of apolitical technocrats. Hamas, which is shunned by the international community as a terrorist group, has no formal role, but it has offered its backing from the outside. Israel has boycotted the government, saying Hamas’ involvement is clear, while Western countries are giving the government a chance to prove itself. The government, however, has failed to get off the ground.

Shortly after it was formed, three Israeli teenagers in the West Bank were kidnapped and killed by Hamas members, setting off a chain of events that led to the Gaza war. Hamas, meanwhile, remains in firm control of Gaza, with a depleted, but still significant, arsenal of rockets and thousands of armed fighters.

Abbas heaped fierce criticism of the group’s handling of the war, accusing it of making unrealistic demands for a full lifting of Israel’s blockade of Gaza and dragging out cease-fire talks.

“With every passing day, more blood was shed,” he said, criticizing the heavy death toll and damage. “Is this the victory they talk about? Regrettably, I can only say the results are tragic,” he said.

In the coming weeks, Israel and Hamas are expected to start a new round of indirect, Egyptian-mediated talks for an extended cease-fire. □

Congress returns from summer vacation

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Boehner said that message — “our closing argument,” he called it — would focus on ways to get people back to work and “restore opportunity” for Americans.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid seems most intent on getting endangered incumbents from Alaska, Arkansas, Louisiana and North Carolina — all states carried by Republican Mitt Romney in the 2012 presidential election — back campaigning as soon as possible.

Reid is planning to adjourn the Senate by Sept. 23 after dispensing with the spending measure and holding votes — destined to lose — on Democratic proposals such as raising the minimum wage and blocking the flow of unlimited, unregulated campaign cash from the wealthy, including the billionaire Koch brothers.

There are few must-pass items that require cooperation between the feuding House and Senate.

Atop the list is the spending measure to keep agencies funded at current levels through mid-December. That would give House and Senate negotiators ample time to work out a trillion-dollar-plus bill during a lame-duck session after Election Day in November. Boehner is looking to settle a split among Republicans over reauthorizing the Export-Import Bank, which

provides credit guarantees that help foreign buyers purchase U.S. exports such as Boeing airplanes and heavy equipment built by Caterpillar.

Many conservative Republicans, including House Financial Services Committee Chairman Jeb Hen-

goverments from taxing access to the Internet.

Under current law, the freeze expires Nov. 1, exposing Internet users to the same kind of connection fees that often show up on telephone bills. Legislation to extend the tax moratorium is expected to be

Iraq and Syria. But the abbreviated session and a lack of consensus raise doubts about whether any congressional action is possible.

Obama plans to meet with congressional leaders at the White House on Tuesday and give a speech

sary. Several Republicans say they are unwilling to grant Obama blanket authority without a detailed strategy from the administration.

Several lawmakers are pressing for new economic penalties against Russia in response to its aggressive moves in Ukraine, but it's doubtful Congress can move quickly on such a measure.

One certainty is the first open hearing of the special House committee investigating the 2012 attack on the U.S. diplomatic mission in Benghazi, Libya. The committee will hold a session the week of Sept. 14 to examine whether the State Department has put in place recommendations to improve security at U.S. embassies and diplomatic posts.

The issue that dominated lawmakers' attention in the final days before recess — the crisis of unaccompanied minors at the border with Mexico — has faded because the numbers arriving at the border has dropped sharply in the hot summer months. Congress never came to agreement on Obama's emergency spending request to deal with the matters, and there's unlikely to be an effort to revisit it.

With the list of must-do items so short, expect votes aimed at motivating each party's core supporters. □



This photo shows the U.S. Capitol in Washington. Congress returns to work this week with a relatively short and simple agenda, vote to keep the government operating in the short term, then return home to campaign. National security threats from Islamic State militants and Russian aggression in Ukraine loom large, but September's session may be too short for lawmakers to do anything but talk about them.

(AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

Wednesday as he begins laying out a strategy for combating the Islamic State threat.

Some lawmakers say the president has the power to act under the 1973 War Powers Resolution and no new permission is neces-

sary of Texas, oppose extending the bank. But Democrats and a host of business friendly Republicans may have the upper hand.

Republican aides said it's likely that an interim deal would extend the bank's authority until perhaps early next year.

Also in play is a freeze that prevents state and local

attached to the must-do spending bill, according to a senior House Republican aide.

The aide spoke on condition of anonymity to candidly discuss internal party deliberations.

Republicans and Democrats are clamoring for legislation authorizing Obama to use military force against Islamic State militants in

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Obama to give speech on Islamic State group

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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama will begin laying out a strategy this week to defeat Islamic State militants in the Middle East, meeting with congressional leaders Tuesday and giving a speech to the American people on Wednesday, the eve of the 13th anniversary of the deadliest terrorist attack on U.S. soil.

Obama disclosed his plans during an interview broadcast Sunday on NBC television's "Meet the Press."

"I just want the American people to understand the nature of the threat and how we're going to deal with it and to have confidence that we'll be able to deal with it," he said in the



U.S. President Barack Obama looks around during a flypast at the NATO summit in Newport, Wales. Obama will begin this week to lay out a strategy to defeat Islamic State militants in the Middle East, starting with a White House meeting with bipartisan congressional leaders on Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2014 and a speech on Wednesday, the eve of the 13th anniversary of the deadliest terrorist attack on U.S. soil.

(AP Photo/Jon Super)

interview conducted Saturday at the White House shortly after his return from a NATO summit in Wales where the Islamic State threat was a key topic of discussion.

Obama restated his opposition to sending U.S. ground troops to engage in direct combat with the militants, who have laid claim to large swaths of territory in Iraq, targeted religious and ethnic minority groups, and threatened U.S. personnel and interests in the region.

At Obama's direction, the U.S. military has conducted more than 130 airstrikes against Islamic State militants in Iraq in the past month. In retaliation, the group recently beheaded two American journalists it had been holding hostage in Syria, where the organization also operates.

Lawmakers have pressed Obama to expand the airstrikes into Syria. He has resisted so far, but said he has asked his military advisers for options for pursuing the group there.

In the interview, Obama said the U.S. would not go after the Islamic State group alone, but would operate as part of an international coalition and continue airstrikes to support ground efforts that would be carried out by Iraqi and Kurdish troops.

At the NATO summit, the U.S. and nine allies agreed to take on the militants because of the threat they pose to member countries.

"Clearly, he's put together a coalition of the willing — we have heard that before — to tackle this problem. That's good," said Republican Rep. Mike Rogers, chairman of the House Intelligence Committee.

At the same time, the presi-

dent "needs to engage Congress, the American people, on what exactly we're going to do here," said Rogers.

Obama should make the case why the extremists are a threat to the U.S. and lay out the strategy, Rogers said. But, he said, "We need to have an endgame."

Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein wants to hear what the diplomatic and military parts of Obama's plan are.

"Time's a wasting, because we have now said that we're going to go on the offensive. And it's time for America to project power and strength," said Feinstein, who heads the Senate Intelligence Committee and joined Rogers on CNN's "State of the Union." Obama's emerging strategy depends on the formation of a new government in Iraq, as well as cooperation and contributions from regional partners, including Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Turkey. Obama said he expected the new Iraqi government to be formed this week.

"What I want people to understand ... is that over the course of months, we are going to be able to not just blunt the momentum of ISIL," he said, using an alternate name for the group. "We are going to systematically degrade their capabilities. We're going to shrink the territory that they control. And ultimately we're going to defeat them."

The head of the Arab League, Nabil Elaraby, appealed to its member states to confront "militarily and politically" the Islamic State insurgents. Support from the Arab League could provide Obama with the international coalition he hoped to create.

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Father hears son dying in Wal-Mart shooting



People gather in a parking lot to support the Beavercreek Police Department in Beavercreek, Ohio. Some 200 people held signs and chanted outside a Wal-Mart where a young man with an air rifle was fatally shot by police.

(AP Photo/The Dayton Daily News, Darin Pope)

CINCINNATI (AP) — The father of a man fatally shot by police at an Ohio Wal-Mart says a cellphone call in which he said he heard his son's dying breaths keeps replaying in his head.

John Crawford Jr. talked about that last day of his son's life to The Cincinnati Enquirer in a telephone interview from his home in Jackson, Tennessee. His son, John Crawford III, was shot Aug. 5 in a Wal-Mart in the Dayton, Ohio, suburb of Beavercreek. A caller to the emergency dispatcher told police that Crawford III was waving a weapon that turned out to be an air rifle.

Officers have said Crawford III was shot when he didn't respond to orders to put the gun down. The Crawford family and their attorney have said that a section of store surveillance video they saw shows Crawford III holding the air rifle and talking on

his cellphone.

The family has requested public release of the store video. But Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine has refused to release it while the investigation is continuing.

Crawford Jr. said he was in Ohio the day of the shooting and had stopped by to see his son, who wasn't at his Fairfield home. The mother of his son's two young children was there talking on her cellphone to Crawford III, who was at the Wal-Mart shopping, according to Crawford Jr. He said she began screaming when she heard shots and put the call on speaker.

"You could hear in the background he was gasping," Crawford Jr. told the newspaper. "I'm virtually listening to my kid taking his last breath."

Assistant Hamilton County Prosecutor Mark Piepmeier is now overseeing the investigation as spe-

cial prosecutor. Piepmeier is scheduled to present evidence in the case to a Greene County grand jury this month. Jurors will determine if anyone should be charged in the shooting.

But the parents of Crawford III and their attorney have asked the U.S. Attorney's Office to take over the investigation and determine if there were any civil rights violations.

"We do believe there was a violation of his civil rights and that does have to do with race," family attorney Michael Wright said.

Federal authorities have said they are monitoring the situation.

Crawford Jr. described his son as a typical 22-year-old who was laid back and very family oriented. □

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Border Patrol: Leave law enforcement to the pros

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RIO GRANDE CITY, Texas (AP) — Not long ago, the U.S. Border Patrol was the only law enforcement agency monitoring the mesquite thickets and sugarcane fields along the Rio Grande, and an agent's challenge was to distinguish between an exhausted immigrant and a threat. Now the thick brush is teeming with hundreds of state troopers, National Guardsmen and civilian militia members, all heavily armed and often wearing tactical vests and camouflage.

Since illegal immigration spiked in the Rio Grande Valley this summer, the Border Patrol has dispatched more agents, the Texas Department of Public Safety has sent more troopers and Gov. Rick Perry deployed as many as 1,000 National Guardsmen to the area. Officials have refused to release exact numbers, but Texas is spending \$1.3 million a week on state troopers and about \$12 million a month on the guardsmen. Field communication among the various armed agents is fragmented, and a recent friendly fire incident involving a militia member prompted the Border Patrol this week to urge that law enforcement be left to the professionals. Meanwhile, in border communities, some locals fear that the increased security presence is more of a threat.

Coordination is challenging among the law enforcement entities alone. They use different radio equipment, which complicates direct communication in the field. So their representatives sit side by side in a round-the-clock command center to avoid surprises — “deconfliction” in law enforcement parlance. Each shift of Border Patrol agents is briefed on

the presence and activities of other entities before going into the field.

Armed civilian militias, which have joined the fray in unknown numbers, further complicate the effort. “Sometimes it can be dangerous, because you have

of immigrants near the Rio Grande east of Brownsville spun around to find a man in civilian clothes holding a rifle. The agent fired several shots but didn't hit the man, who was patrolling with a citizens' militia group. The National Guard's de-

ing his main street and the guardsmen filling his Holiday Inn. Border towns are often buffeted by decisions made in far off capitals on both sides of the border, and they learn to adapt and persevere over time. “Living along the border

and asked the crowd how many of them were worried about the intensified Department of Public Safety patrols. Nearly everyone in the room raised their hand. Among them was Isabel Barbosa, of La Joya, who said she was riding in a car



Texas Department of Safety Troopers patrol on the Rio Grande along the U.S.-Mexico border, Saturday, Sept. 6, 2014, in Mission, Texas. Since illegal immigration spiked in the Rio Grande Valley this summer, the Border Patrol has dispatched more agents, the Texas Department of Public Safety has sent more troopers and Texas Gov. Rick Perry deployed as many as 1,000 guardsmen to the area.
(AP Photo/Eric Gay)

all these (non-law enforcement) people out there running around the border,” said Kevin Oaks, the Border Patrol's chief in the Rio Grande Valley. “There are cartel members that carry assault weapons and camouflage, and then there's others that may be under the auspices of whatever group, may look very similar, and we have no idea who those people are. My fear is that these things clash and eventually there will be a very bad outcome.”

That was nearly the case Aug. 29, when a Border Patrol agent pursuing a group

ployment so far has barely registered with area residents. Soldiers circulate mostly between their hotels and border observation points. State troopers, patrolling in their black and white vehicles, have been far more visible.

On a recent evening, 15 troopers could be seen driving from one side of Rio Grande City to the other. They were among 31 units seen on a 35-mile (56-kilometer) stretch of border highway between Escobares and Penitas.

Rio Grande City Mayor Ruben Villarreal is philosophical about the troopers lin-

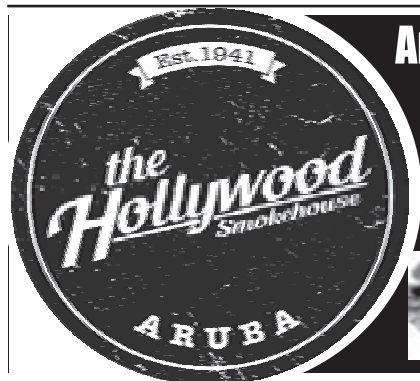
has made us so resilient,” Villarreal said. “If we want a sense of security in the nation — because it's not just security for Rio Grande City or Texas, it's for the nation — we have to understand there are going to be compromises.”

But the heightened security presence has rattled some residents who are used to living in a region with a ubiquitous law enforcement presence.

About 50 people gathered Thursday at the San Juan offices of La Union del Pueblo Entero, a labor advocacy group. A woman took the microphone

with her mother and four siblings last month when a state trooper pulled them over, saying her mother had crossed the white line on the shoulder of the road. Barbosa, 21, said her mother was initially told she would receive only a warning.

But she was taken into custody after a Border Patrol agent arrived and determined she was in the country illegally. She was deported the next day after living in the U.S. for 18 years, leaving behind a sick husband and five children, the youngest of whom is 3.



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Immigrant public defender system breaks ground

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NEW YORK (AP) — When Curtis Edmund first heard that a government official had come by his Bronx home looking for him, he couldn't figure out why. But he agreed to a meeting early this year, and when he arrived, he was taken into custody by Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials.

Edmund, a longtime U.S. legal resident and native of Trinidad and Tobago, now faced deportation because of two misdemeanor theft convictions from the mid-2000s that had put him on immigration officials' radar.

"I have no representation. I don't know nothing about immigration or immigration court. I wasn't expecting this," recounted Edmund, 47, a green card holder with permanent residency status since 1994.

He couldn't afford an attorney. But help came from a pilot program offering free legal representation for poor immigrant New Yorkers facing deportation at the federal immigration court in Manhattan. Now, Edmund has been released on bail and is fighting removal.

The New York City Council approved \$4.9 million to fully fund the program for the fiscal year that started July 1. The program, covering all eligible low-income immigrant city residents, is the first of its kind in the U.S. Proponents say it has helped highlight a serious issue about the lack of legal representation in the immigration system and is helping address the backlogs and delays that result when immigrants without attorneys try to make their

way through the system.

The New York Immigrant Family Unity Project "brought more recognition to this idea that is really offensive for noncitizens, especially detained noncitizens, who are facing something as drastic as deportation to have to defend themselves in one of the most complicated areas of law without an attorney," said Raha Jorjani, who was hired in January by Alameda County Public Defender Brendon Wood's office in California to do similar work. Eligible immigrants are making their first appearance in immigration court, those who don't already have an attorney and those with household incomes that don't exceed 200 percent of federal poverty guidelines, said Oren Root of the Vera Institute of Justice, which has been managing the program.

The detained immigrants meet the attorneys from three organizations — The Bronx Defenders, Brooklyn Defender Services and the Legal Aid Society — at immigration court. The attorneys help them mount defenses on why they shouldn't be deported, or, if the immigrants do accept deportation, the lawyers make sure they fully understand the legal ramifications.

The pilot program started last year and had funding to take on 190 cases, a limit it reached in mid-April. The full program is expected to take on about 900 cases in New York, as well as a few hundred overflow cases of New York City residents being held and processed in New Jersey.

The program covers detained adults and hasn't been affected by the surge

of cases involving children who have crossed the U.S. border.

Under immigration law, a wide variety of offenses can make someone legally eligible for deportation, in-

cluding drug crimes, felonies and even some minor offenses. But there are also

legal grounds to contest a deportation order. Unlike the criminal justice system, immigration is a civil court proceeding without a guaranteed right to representation. But supporters

and unfair when the consequences are so life-altering, oftentimes for people who have been in the country for years.

"You can see the real-life impact of somebody's deportation on their children, on their spouse, on their parents, on their relatives, on their community," said Jayashri Srikantiah, professor at Stanford Law School and director of the immigrants' rights clinic.

San Francisco Public Defender Jeff Adachi, whose office also just hired an attorney to work on immigration issues, said immigration courts have also been plagued with backlogs and delays.

That backlog was clear on a recent day in New York City. Hearings for about a half dozen immigrants who received attorney representation through the project went smoothly and quickly, with a couple of adjournments and the rest deportation orders. Then a young man arrived without an attorney. □



Oscar Hernandez, left, meets with attorney Ruben Loyo at Brooklyn Defenders Services offices in New York. Hernandez, a 20-year-old Mexican immigrant, is being helped by the New York Immigrant Family Unity Project, a pilot program in New York City that represents poor individuals who are detained and in deportation proceedings.

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of the program say going through the process without an attorney is difficult

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KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP)

— A developer presumed dead with his wife in a private plane crash near Jamaica had an “uncanny instinct” for revitalizing properties and an “incalculable” impact on his western New York hometown’s resurgence from crumbling industrial center to trendy destination for young professionals, friends and colleagues said.

Laurence Glazer bought up dozens of properties in Rochester, on the shores of Lake Ontario, including landmark buildings belonging to the manufacturing giants Xerox Corp. and Bausch + Lomb. He converted abandoned fac-

ories into loft apartments and turned a shuttered hospital into offices.

The 68-year-old developer had a way of “taking properties that were dead and breathing life back into them at a time when people were really skeptical about the ability to do that,” Heidi Zimmer-Meyer, president of Rochester’s Downtown Development Corp., said Saturday.

Authorities said Glazer and his wife Jane were on a single-engine turboprop Socata TBM700 that flew on its own for 1,700 miles (2,700 kilometers) before running out of fuel and slamming into the sea off Jamaica’s northeast coast on Friday. The couple apparently was incapacitated.

The U.S. Coast Guard an-



In this June 24, 2010 photo, developer Larry Glazer gestures toward a building to be demolished on Alexander Street in Rochester, N.Y. Glazer and wife, Jane, were aboard their small plane, which took off from the Greater Rochester International Airport, as it flew 1,700 miles down the East Coast on Friday, Sept. 5, 2014, before finally crashing off the coast of Jamaica. (AP Photo/Democrat & Chronicle, Carlos Ortiz)

nounced late Sunday morning that it had ended its search, which it said covered roughly 3,750 square miles (9,710 square kilometers) off Jamaica. Island military crews scoured waters off the northeast coastal town of Port Antonio for a few hours more, but then also decided to call off their search for the couple’s single-engine plane.

On Sunday afternoon, the Jamaica Defense Force said its decision was made based on a reassessment of the situation, noting a highly reduced probability of finding any survivors or floating debris. Thunderstorms were churning up white-crested waves and a military spokesman said early Sunday morning that searchers were losing hope of having any success.

“I must admit it looks very discouraging,” said Maj. Basil Jarrett early Sunday.

“We haven’t recovered anything as yet.”

The Jamaican military had spotted floating debris Friday roughly 24 miles (39 kilometers) off Port Antonio may have sunk in a stretch where the water is more than a mile (1,500 meters) deep. On Saturday, they announced in a statement that it appeared “consistent with that of a high-impact debris field.” But officials said the debris must have sunk because they lost sight of it.

The next steps, if any, for locating the couple’s bodies or plane debris are not immediately clear. If wreckage is located on the sea floor, Jamaica civil aviation officials have said French authorities have volunteered help and equipment in raising it from the depths since the plane was made in France.

While the U.S. Coast Guard initially reported three

people had been aboard the plane, a Coast Guard spokeswoman said Sunday that the agency had confirmed that there were only two. Laurence and Jane Glazer, the founder of household-products catalog company QCI Direct, were both experienced pilots. They were flying to Naples, Florida, near where Glazer’s development company, Buckingham Properties, also has interests. “It’s beyond tragic here. We’re reeling,” Zimmer-Meyer said, calling the couple “people who just cannot be replaced.” New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, Lt. Gov. Robert Duffy and Sen. Charles Schumer were among the officials who expressed sorrow for the couple’s loss. Duffy, the former mayor of Rochester, said the Glazers “possessed two of the brightest minds in business.” □

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Associated Press

SPARTAK, Ukraine (AP) —

Shelling and other clashes between government forces and Russian-backed separatists threw the cease-fire agreement in eastern Ukraine into deepening peril Sunday, two days after it took hold.

At least two houses hit by artillery fire blazed in the rural village of Spartak, which lies just north of the main rebel-held city of Donetsk and adjacent to the airport.

A man whose house was struck by a shell said rebels had fired from a spot nearby, and that apparently provoked a retaliatory attack from Ukrainian government troops.

A group of rebel fighters in the village danced and drank Sunday morning in celebration after what they said was a successful assault on a Ukrainian military encampment in the area. One said the group had captured eight government troops, though no captives could be seen.

The fighter, who gave only the nom de guerre Khokhol, said the truce was not being respected by either side.

"There was mortar shelling around 20 minutes ago here in Spartak," he said. "There is no cease-fire for anyone."

The truce — signed on Friday by Ukraine, Russia and the Kremlin-backed rebels after five months of fighting that killed at least 2,600 civilians and forced hundreds of thousands from their homes — was shattered late Saturday by shelling on the outskirts of the coastal town of Mariupol. The city council said Sunday that one civilian was killed and a serviceman wounded.

The rebels recently opened

a new front on the coast in what many Ukrainians fear is an attempt to secure a land corridor between Russia and the Crimean Peninsula, which Russia annexed in March.

Amnesty International on Sunday condemned all sides in the grinding conflict, saying they have "shown disregard for civilian lives and are blatantly violating their international obligations."

Blasts powerful enough to be heard in downtown Donetsk appeared to be coming from the direction of the airport early Sunday morning.

The government-held terminal, which has been reduced to little more than a burned-out shell, has been under unrelenting attack from separatist forces for months.

A rebel statement said Ukrainian forces fired on their positions in six locations on Saturday, including near the airport, and several rebels were killed.

In Spartak, resident Anastasia Ivanusenko, who moved to Donetsk to escape the fighting, learned her house had been destroyed Sunday as she was coming to pick up some basic items for her child.

"I have a little baby and we are temporarily living in a dormitory. We wanted to get the stroller, some warm clothes for the child," she said, quietly sobbing on a bench across the road from her burning home. "There was no way to get into the house."

The 12-point cease-fire agreement, published Sunday by international monitors, calls for the withdrawal of all heavy weaponry, the release of all prisoners and the delivery of humanitarian aid to devastated cities in eastern Ukraine.



Pro-Ukrainian militiamen gather on the outskirts of Mariupol, Ukraine. Government forces and the Russian-backed separatist rebels fighting in southeastern Ukraine have been observing a cease-fire that started Friday.

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Islamic extremists grab towns in northeast Nigeria

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Associated Press**

YOLA, Nigeria (AP) — Nigeria's Islamic extremist group, Boko Haram, has seized more towns along Nigeria's northeastern border with Cameroon and is adopting a strategy of encouraging civilians to stay, witnesses said Sunday, as the militants pursue their new aim to carve out an "Islamic caliphate" under their black and white flag. Nigerian army soldiers fled when hundreds of insurgents in stolen military armored personnel carriers, trucks and motorcycles attacked Michika on Sunday, said Marry Dauda, a fleeing resident. She said an air force jet fighter arrived, but did nothing but surveillance. "The jet continued to hover over the town without attacking the terrorists," she told The Associated Press. On Saturday, the insurgents took Gulak, an administrative headquarters of Adamawa state, said

resident Michael Kirshinga, who also ran away. The nearby towns of Duhu, Shuwa, Kirshinga and others also fell in assaults over Friday night and Saturday, witnesses said. Further north, soldiers



Vigilante and local hunters armed with guns patrol the streets of Maiduguri, Nigeria. The United States is preparing to launch a "major" border security program to help Nigeria and its neighbors combat the increasing number and scope of attacks by Islamic extremists, a senior U.S. official for Africa said.

(AP Photo/Jossey Ola)

fought off rebels advancing Saturday on Maiduguri, the Borno state capital, headquarters of the military campaign against the insurgency and the birthplace of Boko Haram.

The military attacked the rebels' camp at a village outside Kondudga, just 25 miles (40 kilometers) from Maiduguri. Thunderous gunfire could be heard in Maiduguri throughout Saturday, in-

Konduga, said a member of the vigilante group that fights alongside the military. The soldiers were sent to retake the town of Bama, which fell to Boko Haram a week ago, but stopped at Konduga and refused to advance further, said a vigilante commander. Both spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the press. Bama is littered with bodies, residents who fled the town told the AP. The extremists were killing men, but sparing women and children, they said. In Gulak, however, the insurgents were trying to persuade people to stay, said resident Michael Kirshinga. "They assured us that they will not attack us, but people begun to run for their lives, some of us have fled for fear that, after subduing the soldiers, the insurgents will turn their (gun) barrels on us," Kirshinga said. Nearly 26,000 people fled Bama, the Nigerian Emergency Management

Agency reported. Those fleeing joined 1.5 million people forced from their homes since Nigeria declared a state of emergency in May 2013, according to U.N. figures. They need shelter and food, and officials warn of a looming food crisis since most refugees are farmers. A Ministry of Defense statement Friday tried to reassure residents without success. Most fearful are students and staff at the University of Maiduguri, which is alongside a dry riverbed and on the road from Konduga to Maiduguri, a route Boko Haram has used in past attacks on the city. "We are so very scared. If they are to come attacking, as has been rumored, we doubt if they would spare us because they have to pass in front of our school before getting to the town," student Halima Muhammad told The Associated Press. He said students writing end of term exams can barely concentrate. □

As Brazil vote nears;

Testimony ties top political figures to corruption scandal

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- Just weeks before Brazilians vote in a national election, a scandal involving the state-controlled oil giant Petrobras flared up this weekend over testimony that dozens of top political figures in President Dilma Rousseff's governing coalition had benefited from a vast kickback scheme. Details of the scheme were revealed in confidential testimony by Paulo Roberto

Costa, a jailed former executive who oversaw refining operations at Petrobras until 2012. The testimony was obtained by Veja, a Brazilian newsmagazine. The claims ensnare Rousseff's energy minister, Edison Lobão, and the leaders of both houses of Congress, Henrique Eduardo Alves and Renan Calheiros. The revelations complicate an already tough re-election bid by Rousseff, who has seen her lead in the polls vanish amid the surging

candidacy of Marina Silva, an environmental leader whose campaign has been blasting Rousseff over corruption at Petrobras and calling on Brazil to shift toward a greater reliance on renewable energy sources. "Petrobras was already a minefield for Dilma's image as a manager," said Eliane Cantanhêde, a columnist at the newspaper Folha de S. Paulo, emphasizing that the latest developments raised further doubts about the ethics of the governing

Workers Party. Rousseff addressed the revelations on Saturday at a campaign stop in São Paulo, saying that she was awaiting official information on the matter in order to take "all of the appropriate measures." She added that it was too early to act on the "basis of speculation." The election is on Oct. 5. No charges have been filed against any of the political figures mentioned by Costa, the former Petrobras executive, and

those he named rushed over the weekend to say that they were innocent of wrongdoing. Costa was arrested in March after investigators said they discovered a money-laundering operation that he helped oversee as one of the most powerful executives at Petrobras from 2004 to 2012. Brazilian prosecutors said they discovered that Costa had kept about \$23 million in Swiss bank accounts after profiting from the scheme. □

Police detain US founder of Haiti orphanage

DANICA COTO

Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)

— A U.S. man who founded a boys' orphanage in Haiti nearly two decades ago was arrested this weekend following abuse allegations, authorities said.

Michael Karl Geilenfeld, 62, was detained at the orphanage on suspicion of charges of indecent assault and criminal conspiracy, Port-au-Prince Gen-

eral Prosecutor Charles Kerson told The Associated Press.

Geilenfeld was handcuffed and placed in the back of a police pickup truck and taken to a police station in the Petionville district of Port-au-Prince. He declined comment to an AP journalist before he was taken away, as did a manager of the orphanage who rode with Geilenfeld to the station.

Kerson said Geilenfeld did not resist arrest or say anything to police as they entered the St. Joseph's Home for Boys in the Delmas neighborhood over the weekend.

"Many people have brought complaints about this place," Kerson said, adding that police will interrogate him. Kerson said a judge ordered the children removed from the orphanage earlier this year. Alain Lemithe, Geilenfeld's attorney, arrived at the police station and told the AP that police have no evidence against his client.

He accused the prosecutor of detaining him without an arrest warrant. "This is arbitrary and illegal," Lemithe said. "They have no proof." He declined further comment. Geilenfeld was placed in a holding cell at the police station, where he sat on the floor and waited for authorities. Williams Lamarre, a 28-year-old Haitian, told

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nying allegations of sex abuse publicized by Paul Kendrick, a co-founder of the Maine chapter of the

Catholic lay reform group Voice of the Faithful who is an advocate for child abuse victims. □



U.S. citizen Michael Karl Geilenfeld, in handcuffs, is led out of a police truck after his orphanage for boys was shut down, outside the police station in the Petion-Ville area of Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Geilenfeld, who founded the boys' orphanage in 1985, was taken into custody on charges including indecent assault, according to authorities. The children had been previously removed from the orphanage, according to Port-au-Prince General Prosecutor Charles Kerson.

(AP Photo/Dieu Nalio Chery)

the AP he had been working for Geilenfeld for roughly six years and that he was surprised by the arrest.

"I don't know what to think," he said. "I have this job because of Michael. I did not expect this at all." Lamarre declined further comment before he entered the gate leading to the orphanage and locked it behind him. In early February, police from the child protection unit and U.N. personnel went to the orphanage with a summons stating they were there to take the children into custody but left without them for reasons that were never disclosed.

Geilenfeld founded the St. Joseph's Home for Boys in Haiti in 1985. Over the years, it has grown into a network of three homes, including one for disabled boys. Geilenfeld also created the Resurrection Dance Theater, a traveling dance troupe made up of boys from the homes, to raise money for the charity and serve as an artistic out-

let for residents.

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For EU's unemployed, hopes remain dim

PAUL WISEMAN
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — For the struggling Spanish shopkeeper or the Portuguese restaurant owner, the European Central Bank's latest economic stimulus plans won't likely provide much relief any-

lysts say remain beyond the ECB's powers to fix. "Monetary policy cannot carry the entire burden of reviving growth in the absence of essential broad-ranging structural reforms," said Eswar Prasad, professor of trade policy at Cornell University.

restaurant last month in a Lisbon business district, dismissed the ECB's rate cut as "totally irrelevant." The cut "won't trickle down to families," he said. "It's a measure aimed at big companies, not small ones like mine." The ECB hopes to jolt a Eu-

Companies and consumers who can't get loans from Europe's cautious and troubled banks would be able to borrow. Lower interest rates are also expected to reduce the value of the euro, thereby helping European companies by making their products more affordable in foreign markets. Indeed, the value of the euro fell after the ECB's announcement to its lowest levels in more than a year. The ECB is also trying to boost the eurozone's nearly non-existent inflation. Prices are rising just 0.3 percent annually, not even close to the ECB's 2 percent target. Ultra-low inflation is unhealthy for an economy. It makes it harder for consumers, companies and countries to repay debt left over from the eurozone debt crisis. And it raises fears of an outright drop in prices — deflation — that tends to stifle economic growth and business profits. That happens because many people and companies delay purchases in anticipation of ever-lower prices. Economists generally doubt that the ECB's moves will do much to nudge consumers to borrow and spend more or to persuade businesses to buy equipment, open factories and offices and hire workers. For one thing, the bond buying won't even start until October. So it "probably is not going to do very much for the rest of this year," said Jacob Kirkegaard, senior fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics. The bigger obstacle is that Europe is contending with problems the ECB can't do much about. □

Dubai lays out Legoland plans amid growth

ADAM SCHRECK
Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — A property development company controlled by Dubai's ruler outlined plans Sunday for the first phase of an entertainment and resort complex in the city that promises the Middle East's first Legoland theme park. The project is part of a broader push by the Arab world's commercial hub to ramp up its hotel and tourism offerings as it prepares to host the World Expo in 2020. Meraas Holding said initial work began in February on the \$2.7 billion Dubai Parks and Resorts project, and that the first phase should be done by 2016. The company is backed by Dubai ruler Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum. In addition to the Legoland park, that initial phase will include a Bollywood-themed park celebrating the Indian film industry and another known as Motiongate Dubai promising to bring Hollywood characters to life. Plans also call for a central retail and dining plaza and family-friendly hotel at the complex, located in Dubai's Jebel Ali area, which is best known for hosting the region's largest seaport and the second of the emirate's palm-shaped islands. The Expo will be held nearby, alongside a new airport that officials envision will one day become the world's busiest. Tourism plays a growing role in Dubai's trade and transportation-dependent economy. Dubai aims to host 20 million visitors annually by 2020, up from 10 million in 2012. □



Portuguese Jose Nunes Pereira, 31, carries food dishes to customers in his new restaurant, in Lisbon, Friday, Sept. 5, 2014. Nunes Pereira, who opened a restaurant last month in a Lisbon business district, dismissed the European Central Bank rate cut as "totally irrelevant". The cut "won't trickle down to families. It's a measure aimed at big companies, not small ones like mine," he said. For the struggling Spanish shopkeeper or the Portuguese restaurant owner, the European Central Bank's latest economic stimulus plans won't likely provide much relief anytime soon. If ever. (AP Photo/Francisco Seco)

time soon. If ever. Confronting a stalled economy and painful unemployment across Europe, the ECB is doing what it can. It surprised economists and investors Thursday by cutting its benchmark interest rate to a record-low 0.05 percent. And it announced plans to pump money into the financial system by buying bonds backed by assets such as auto and credit-card loans. But Europe faces a crushing array of problems — from burdensome regulations to growth-killing budget policies — that ana-

Among the businesses and individuals who in theory might benefit eventually from the ECB's actions, optimism is scarce. In Spain, with its punishing 24.5 percent unemployment, hope is especially dim. Pablo Torres, who manages a shoe store in Madrid, said he expects the ECB's effect "on the real economy will probably be none." "In our case," Torres said, "we are at a standstill, not getting ahead or going backwards, and the only thing that's helped us stay afloat is tourism." In Portugal, Jose Nunes Pereira, who opened a

European economy at risk of sinking into recession for the third time since 2008. In the 18 countries that use the euro currency, unemployment is stuck at a collective 11.5 percent. (By comparison, the U.S. rate is 6.1 percent.) For those younger than 25, the eurozone's rate is 23.2 percent. The ECB's goal is for lower rates to energize borrowing and spending, which would, in turn, encourage employers to hire. Banks and auto companies would lend more to consumers and small businesses if they knew they could package those loans into bonds the ECB would buy.



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Serena Williams, reacts after defeating Caroline Wozniacki, of Denmark, during the championship match of the 2014 U.S. Open tennis tournament, Sunday, Sept. 7, 2014, in New York.

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Serena Williams wins 3rd U.S. Open in row, 18th Slam

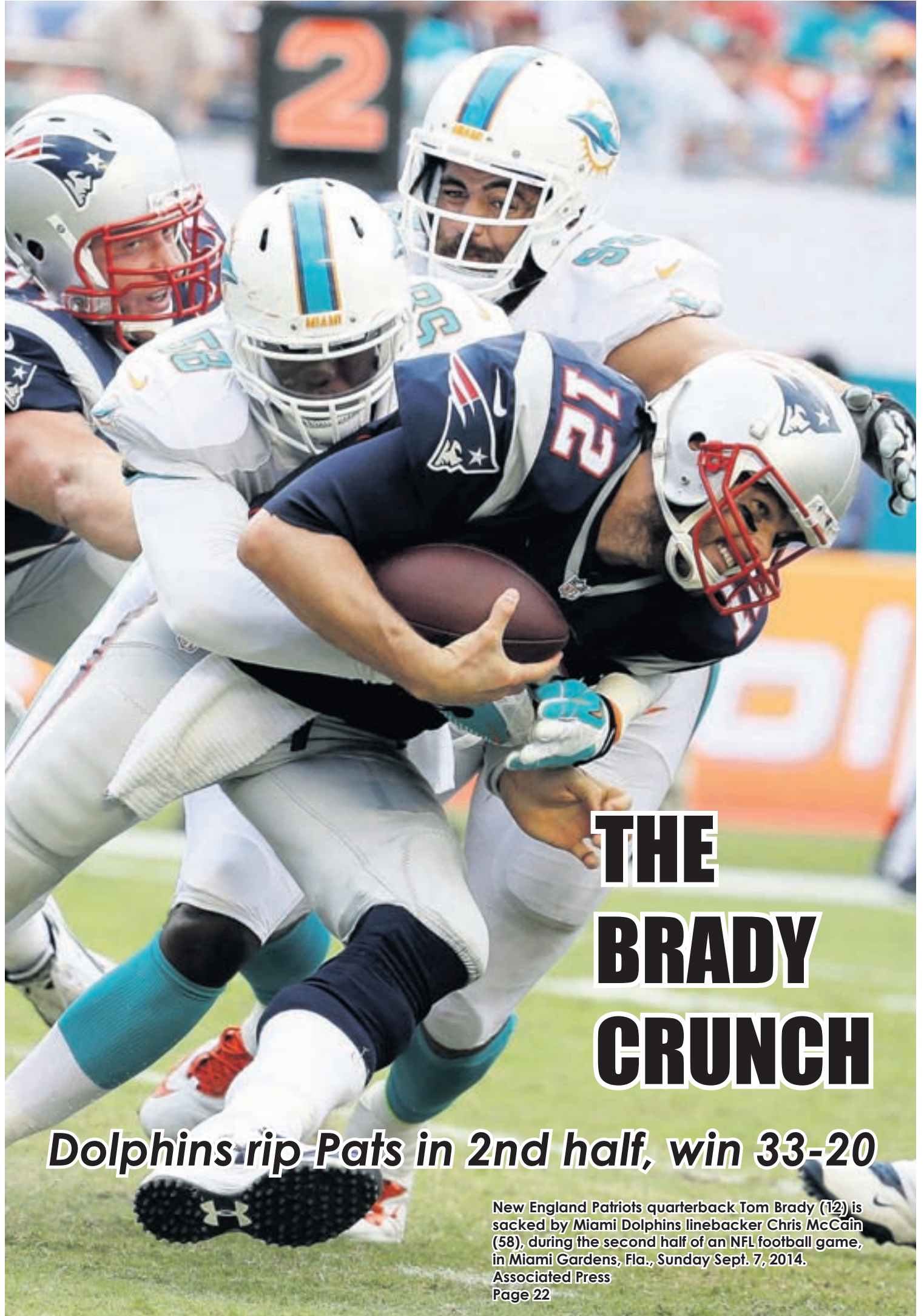
HOWARD FENDRICH
AP Tennis Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A couple of months before Serena Williams capped her dominant run to a third consecutive U.S. Open championship and 18th major singles title Sunday night, she sat down with coach Patrick Mouratoglou to decipher why the season had been such a struggle by her standards.

At the time, Williams was coming off a third-round loss at Wimbledon, which followed a second-round loss at the French Open, which followed a fourth-round loss at the Australian Open — and, when Grand Slam success defines a legacy, that simply wouldn't do. The quest to match Chris Evert and Martina Navratilova at 18 was weighing on her.

"It was definitely on my shoulders," Williams could acknowledge after that burden was gone. "It was definitely like, 'Oh, get there. Get there. Get there.'"

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THE BRADY CRUNCH

Dolphins rip Pats in 2nd half, win 33-20

New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady (12) is sacked by Miami Dolphins linebacker Chris McCain (58), during the second half of an NFL football game, in Miami Gardens, Fla., Sunday Sept. 7, 2014.
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She knew, of course, there was one more big event left in 2014, and a finite amount of time to turn things around before heading to Flushing Meadows. In some ways starting from scratch, Williams regrouped and stopped her mini-slump, never dropping more than three games in any set, including a 6-3, 6-3 victory over close friend Caroline Wozniacki in Sunday's final.

"When Serena is on her game," said the 10th-seeded Wozniacki, who admitted she was nervous in her second Grand Slam title match, "there's not much we can do."

Williams matched Evert's total of six U.S. Opens and became the first woman to win three in a row since

Evert's four-title run from 1975-78.

Add in Williams' five titles apiece at Wimbledon and the Australian Open, plus two at the French Open, and only three players have more Slams: Margaret Court with 24, Steffi Graf with 22, and Helen Wills Moody with 19.

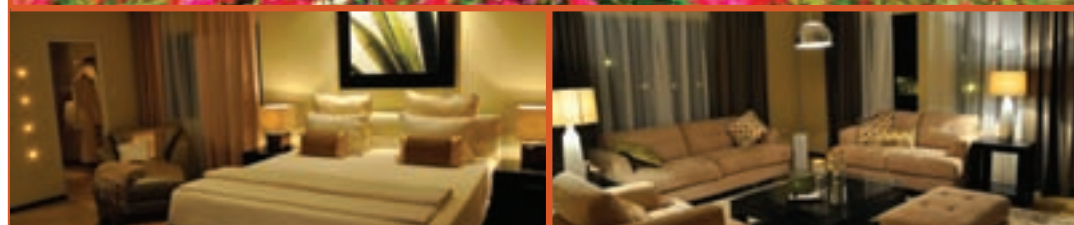
Ranked and seeded No. 1, Williams let Wozniacki keep things competitive for about five games but wound up compiling a hard-to-believe 29-4 edge in winners. Until a cross-court backhand in the final game, the only winners registered by Wozniacki came on aces.

When it was over, Williams dropped to her back behind the baseline, covering her hands with her face. Her first major trophy also came in New York, in 1999, when she was 17.



Martina Navratilova, left, and Chris Evert, right, pose for a photo with Serena Williams after Williams defeated Caroline Wozniacki, of Denmark, in the championship match of the 2014 U.S. Open tennis tournament, Sunday, Sept. 7, 2014, in New York.

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This time, Williams earned \$4 million, a record in tennis — \$3 million for the title, plus a \$1 million bonus for having had the best results during the North American summer hard-court circuit. A few weeks shy of her 33rd birthday, making the American the oldest major champion since Navratilova was 33 at Wimbledon in 1990, Williams powered this way and that in her black-and-pink hightops. Wozniacki is the one training for the New York City Marathon, but she was tuckered out by the end.

Wozniacki may as well have been an extra in this Williams highlight reel. Points were directed by Williams, via serves that reached 120 mph (194 kph), forceful returns that backed Wozniacki into a corner when not producing outright winners, unreachable groundstrokes or the occasional volley.

"From a different planet," said Wozniacki's father, Piotr, who also coaches her. "Come on, there's no chance."

Yes, this was all about Williams. At times, it felt as if Wozniacki were there because, well, someone needed to be on the opposite side of the net.

They've been pals for years, and they hung out together in Miami — head-

ing to the beach, watching an NBA playoff game — after both lost early at the French Open in May. Wozniacki says Williams helped her get over the end of her engagement to golf star Rory McIlroy. Williams said she planned to invite Wozniacki along for Sunday night's championship celebration.

"We're both going to do anything possible to win the match," said Wozniacki, a 24-year-old from Denmark who reached No. 1 in the rankings in 2010, a year after losing to Kim Clijsters in the U.S. Open final. "After the match, we're friends again."

Mouratoglou noted the obvious: It didn't matter one bit to Williams who she was facing.

"Yeah, they're friends," the coach said, "but on the other side, believe me, Serena has zero friends."

The last time she was at a major, Williams followed her early Wimbledon singles exit with an odd episode in doubles, appearing disoriented and quitting after three games because of what she called a "bug." "After Wimbledon, I was just so disappointed," Williams said. "I also realized I just needed to relax a little more. I put a lot of pressure on myself. I don't have to put pressure on myself."

Royals spoil Jeter's day with 2-0 win over Yankees

By RONALD BLUM
AP Sports Writer

Yordano Ventura pitched three-hit ball into the seventh inning, and the AL Central leaders beat the Yankees 2-0 Sunday on a pair of unearned runs for their second shutout in the three-game series.

Trying for its first playoff berth since winning the 1985 World Series, Kansas City increased its AL Central lead to 2 1/2 games over the second-place Tigers, who hosted San Francisco on Sunday night. The Royals headed to Detroit for a three-game series that starts Monday.

"We're playing great baseball," manager Ned Yost said. "We're pitching, and we're playing defense and scoring runs and winning ballgames, and that's all I can ask."

Kansas City scored due to errors by pitcher Shane Greene in the second inning and right fielder Carlos Beltran in the third. The Royals won 1-0 Friday night on an unearned run following third baseman Chase Headley's error and went 4-3 against the Yankees this year to take the season series for the first time since 1999.

And they won on Derek Jeter Day, when many Yankees stars of the past returned for a 45-minute ceremony that also included NBA great Michael Jordan and baseball ironman Cal Ripken Jr. Video messages from athletes, celebrities and even astronauts in space were shown throughout the day.

"Oh, man! That was, honestly, one of the coolest things I've ever seen," Royals third baseman Mike Moustakas said. "Any time anyone came on that board or anyone they announced, I got chills."

Royals pitcher Jeremy Guthrie suggested to his teammates that they tip their caps.

"He was my favorite player growing up," Guthrie said. "I was there for the final game at (the original) Yankee Stadium. I was

there when he recorded his 2,723rd hit that broke the hits record for the Yankees. ... And now to be here for this - I've seen quite a few really cool moments." Kansas City, which hasn't been in first place this late

in a season since 1989, hopes to give its fans a reason to celebrate this fall. Ventura (12-9) won his third straight start, leaving after a leadoff walk in the seventh - his fourth of the game.



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DuPree, Griner, Taurasi lead Mercury rout of Sky

By **BOB BAUM**
AP Sports Writer

PHOENIX (AP) -- Brittney Griner swatted away just about everything within reach in the first quarter, setting the stage for a Phoenix rout.

Griner set a playoff record with eight blocked shots, five in the first quarter, and the Mercury soared past the Chicago Sky 83-62 on Sunday in Game 1 of the WNBA Finals.

"Her improvement this year has been incredible," Sky coach Pokey Chatman said. "I don't think people really appreciate it. They assume when you are 6-8, you are supposed to do everything. She has really evolved her game in the last year. She's special."

She showcased the remarkable mobility she has for someone who stands 6-foot-8.

"BG is a great help-side defender," teammate Candice Dupree said. "If you



Phoenix Mercury forward Candice Dupree (4) looks to pass on Chicago Sky forward Elena Delle Donne (11) in the first half of Game 1 of the WNBA basketball finals, Sunday, Sept. 7, 2014, in Phoenix. Associated Press

get beat off the dribble, you kind of know that she's back there."

Griner, the WNBA defensive player of the year, also had 12 points and seven rebounds.

Dupree made her first 10 shots and scored 26 for the Mercury in their 19th consecutive home victory.

Diana Taurasi added 19 points and 11 assists.

Phoenix shot a finals record 58.5 percent from the field, Chicago 31.9 percent.

Sylvia Fowles scored 19 points and grabbed 11 rebounds for Chicago but was just 8 of 20, usually against Griner in a match-up of the last two WNBA

defensive players of the year. Elena Delle Donne only played 11 minutes because of a bad back. She finished with two points and didn't play in the second half with the game already out of reach.

Delle Donne said she took herself out of the game because she thought she was hurting her team, and she hoped sitting the rest of the game out would make her better prepared for Game 2 of the best-of-5 series, set for Tuesday night in Phoenix.

"We're definitely a resilient team," Delle Donne said. "I still think we bounced back in the second half and put together a much better 20 minutes. I feel like we were able to settle in and get a little bit more comfortable and play with confidence, something we need to take in for the next game." Alley Quigley, who was the league's sixth woman of the year, scored 13 points

for the Sky. She missed 11 of her 15 shots.

Phoenix led from the opening basket, was up by 22 at the half and by as many as 30 in the third.

"I don't think we ever quite recovered from that first quarter," Chatman said. "... We just got on our heels and never quite recovered from it."

Griner's five first-quarter blocks broke the playoff record for a half. She finished with six at halftime.

She expected the challenge in the paint.

"I knew they were going to come at me, definitely," Griner said. "I would come at myself too. I wasn't surprised at all."

Meanwhile, Dupree couldn't miss, going 9 for 9 in the first half, capped by a layup on a halfcourt pass from Taurasi just before the buzzer to put Phoenix up 42-20, the largest half-time lead in WNBA Finals history. □



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Horschel holds on for title at BMW Championship

EDDIE PELLIS

AP National Writer

CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE, Colo-
rado (AP) — Billy Horschel

gave up a three-shot lead early in the final round of the BMW Championship before rebounding for a two-stroke victory over Bubba Watson.

Horschel shot a 1-under 69 and finished at 14-under 266 Sunday to put himself in prime position for the FedEx Cup title and its \$10 million bonus at the Tour Championship next week.

"If I were a betting man, I'd put some money on me," said Horschel, who made \$1.44 million for his second career PGA Tour victory.

Horschel heads into the final week of the playoff chase in second place in the points standings thanks to the victory and his tie for second a week ago — when he duffed a 6-iron well short on the final hole at TPC Boston, squandering a chance to win or force extra holes with play-off leader Chris Kirk.

This time, nursing a two-shot lead, the 27-year-old from Grant, Florida, smoothed a 9-iron into the middle of the 18th green and the only drama was whether he'd have time for a quick pit stop before he had to putt. Horschel sprinted up the fairway, ducked under the ropes and was back in plenty of time to two-putt and close out the victory.

"Obviously, after last week, a lot of people on Twitter were calling me a choker," Horschel said. "I didn't choke. I made one bad swing at a bad time. To start with a three-shot lead today and hold on means a lot."

About an hour earlier, it was another poor shot that drastically altered the course of the tournament. Ryan Palmer erased his opening three-shot deficit to Horschel and was tied



Billy Horschel reacts after missing a putt on the 13th hole in the final round of the BMW Championship golf tournament in Cherry Hills Village, Colo., on Sunday, Sept. 7, 2014. Horschel went on to win the tournament.

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after six holes, then again after 11.

Palmer was one behind as the final threesome walked down the 13th fairway, with Horschel buried in the right rough and Palmer buried in the left.

Horschel hit his second shot safely on the green. Palmer shanked his into a small creek that runs in front of the green. He made double bogey to fall three behind.

"A shank? (Doesn't happen) very often," Palmer said. "But I'm doing with the downhill, down in the rough, I'm blaming it on that. But it happens. It's a fickle game."

That left Sergio Garcia, who cut a seven-shot deficit to two, as the last true threat, but his chance imploded on the par-5 17th — when he laid up, cooked his third shot over the green, then

chipped into the water. He made a triple-bogey 8 — sullying a round of 67. He finished at 9 under, tied for fourth with Palmer (71), Rickie Fowler (68) and Jim Furyk (66).

"It's what happens when you're not mentally sharp," Garcia said about the decision not to go for the green in two. "Then, just a mistake after another mistake."

Horschel said losing the lead early didn't bother him much.

"That's why you have a three-shot lead. To have a little wiggle room," he said. Unlike Palmer and Garcia, Watson, who shot 66, never truly threatened to take the lead, but he didn't blow up, either.

He missed a 25-foot birdie putt on 18 that would've drawn him within one of Horschel, who was behind him in the fairway.

But Watson didn't make much all week. He finished 42nd in putting over four rounds. Still, he'll go to Atlanta third in the standings, joining Kirk, Horschel, Rory McIlroy and Hunter Mahan among the top five, all of whom control their destiny — meaning a win will give them the playoff title, as well.

"Maybe that's when I make my putts," Watson said.

Palmer's fourth-place finish moved him from 37th to 23rd in the standings.

But outside of Horschel, Sunday's biggest winner was third-place finisher Morgan Hoffman, who turned the old-school, mile-high layout at Cherry Hills into his personal pitch and putt over the weekend. He shot 7-under 63 on Sunday to go with his course-record 62 on Saturday and vaulted from 68th to 21st in the

standings. He started the playoffs 124th, matching the worst starting ranking to make the 30-player Tour Championship in the eight-year history of the playoffs. "That's the perfect way of putting it — 'nothing to lose,'" Hoffman said. "Carefree and just go out and fire at pins."

McIlroy finished tied for eighth after a 66 that included a replay of the worst kind — a four-putt on the 12th green for the second straight day. Still, he's comfortably in the mix for next week.

Not so for Stuart Appleby, who missed an 18-foot birdie try on his last hole to end up in 31st. And Keegan Bradley's decision to withdraw Saturday because of a question over a drop he took in the opening round left him in 33rd, a five-spot drop.

Dolphins dominate 2nd half, top Patriots 33-20

By **TIM REYNOLDS**

AP Sports Writer

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. (AP)

-- Joe Philbin prefers simple messages. Not even trailing New England by 10 points at halftime of the season opener could get the Miami coach to change his tone. "The plays are there," Philbin simply said. His team repeatedly proved him right.

Knowshon Moreno rushed for 134 yards and a big fourth-quarter touchdown, Ryan Tannehill threw for two scores and the Dolphins dominated New England after halftime in a 33-20 win on Sunday. The Dolphins outscored New England 23-0 and outgained the Patriots 222-67 in the second half, and that stat includes 37 meaningless yards on the game's final drive.

"We knew what was killing us," Dolphins receiver Mike Wallace said. "Ourselves." Once Miami stopped beating Miami, New England had no answers. The Patriots lost their opener for the first time since 2003, and they don't hold at least a share of first in the AFC East for the first time since Week 3 of 2012.

"They took away everybody in the second half," Patriots quarterback Tom Brady said.

Brady threw a touchdown pass to Rob Gronkowski and Shane Vereen had a rushing touchdown for New England, which endured a most uncharacteristic freefall. The last time the Patriots were outscored by 23 points or more in the second half was Nov. 30, 2008 against Pittsburgh - 94 games ago.

"We need to do a better job than we did today," Patriots coach Bill Belichick said. "It's as simple as that."

Moreno now has 358 yards on the ground in his last two regular-season games against New England, the first being a 224-yard effort in Denver's loss at the Patriots last season.

That one, he tried to forget. This one, he'll savor.

"Did you see that man out there?" asked Dolphins



Miami Dolphins Mike Wallace (11) hauls in a pass against New England Patriots Kyle Arrington (25), and Darrelle Revis to tie the NFL football game in the third quarter Sunday, Sept. 7, 2014 at Sun Life Stadium in Miami Gardens, Fla. Miami beat New England 33-20.

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center Samson Satele, one of five new starters on Miami's offensive line. "He's a crazy dude. You give him a little crease and away he goes." Moreno rushed for 91 yards after halftime. The Patriots rushed for 28.

"An all-around great game," Moreno said.

For much of the first half, that was not the case.

Rookie linebacker Chris McCain had a blocked punt on the game's first series, setting up a Tannehill-to-Lamar Miller touchdown pass - the first time Miami's opening offensive sequence of a season resulted in a TD throw since Dan Marino and Mark Duper connected in 1992.

But the Dolphins would turn the ball over three straight times later in the half, New England would grab a 17-7 lead, and extended the margin to 20-10 at the break.

"We made a statement as a team," McCain said.

"We had three or four turnovers and we were down, but we knew we could do something. We had to calm down, get our poise and come out and

ball. We came back real well and shut them out in the second half. That's unheard of. With Tom Brady out there you expect about 35 points."

When the Patriots are up 10, you can expect a win as well. They were 16-1 in their last 17 games with a double-digit halftime lead. But on Sunday, an 89-degree day that felt like 99 when factoring in the humidity, New England wilted.

"They just played better," Gronkowski said.

Brady finished 29 of 56 passing for 249 yards. Tannehill completed 18 of 32 passes for 178 yards.

Tannehill hit Wallace for a 14-yard score midway through the third to tie the game, Caleb Sturgis added one of his four field goals to put the Dolphins on top, and then Miami sealed it late.

Helped by a roughing-the-passer penalty and a pair of third-down completions by Tannehill, the Dolphins went 85 yards in about 6 minutes to put the game away. Moreno barged in from the 4 with 3:36 remaining to push the lead to 30-20, and the outcome was academic from there.

"Nobody else gave us a shot," Dolphins defensive end Olivier Vernon said. "Just glad we got this win."

Niemiec wins Vuelta's 15th stage, Contador leads

LAGOS DE COVADONGA, Spain (AP) — Przemyslaw

Niemiec of Poland won the mountainous 15th stage of the Spanish Vuelta, while Alberto Contador kept the overall lead for a fifth consecutive day on Sunday. Niemiec, riding for Lampre Merida, won the 152-kilometer (94-mile) ride starting in Oviedo and finishing at the Lagos de Covadonga special-category peak in 4 hours, 11 minutes, 9 seconds.

The final ascent led to several attacks among the leading pack of Contador, Alejandro Valverde, Chris Froome and Joaquim Rodriguez, but resulted in only minor changes at the top of the overall standings. Valverde, who finished second along with Rodriguez five seconds behind Niemiec, chipped Contador's lead down to 31 seconds heading into Monday's stage — a 160.5-kilometer (99.7-mile) ride from San

Martin del Rey Aurelio to La Farrapona featuring five category-one climbs.

"The legs felt well today, but tomorrow's stage is tremendous, hellish," said Valverde. "It will be really hard, and I just hope that strength stays with us."

Chris Froome and Joaquim Rodriguez remained 1 minute, 20 seconds behind.

The 21-stage race ends at Santiago de Compostela on Sept. 14.

Game creators seek mature storytelling in games

DERRIK J. LANG

AP Entertainment Writer

SEATTLE (AP) — For many of the game designers showing off their latest creations at the recent Penny Arcade video game expo in Seattle, the push to feature more mature storytelling has been one of their most significant challenges.

"We are changing as a medium," said Richard Dansky, a writer who has worked on several "Tom Clancy" games, in a talk called "You're So Mature! Is Storytelling in Games Coming of Age?"

While recognizing there have been serious-minded games going back to the days of 1980s text-based adventures, Dansky said an unstoppable evolution is afoot in the industry — an evolution that has sparked recent online feuding be-

tween fans, bloggers and developers.

"We are throwing open new doors and exploring new territory in ways that are advancing faster and obviously making some people unhappy," he said. "We can't just say, 'They have to deal with it.' They're letting us know they're unhappy in ways that are reprehensible. It's up to us to keep reinforcing and pushing for change."

Over the past 50 years, the interactive medium once considered merely child's play has gained both financial and cultural significance, but a disparity persists, as evidenced on the floor of the Seattle expo, known as PAX Prime. There, the likes of the kid-friendly, cartoony "Pokemon" icon Pikachu loomed over gamers firing virtual guns and



This photo provided by Camouflaj shows a scene from the video game, "Republique." Within the conference rooms and across the show floor at last weekend's Penny Arcade Expo in Seattle, the annual celebration of gaming felt completely opposite to what was happening at the same time online.

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slashing virtual throats in "Far Cry 4" and "Assassin's Creed."

"I think it's important not to lose track that games tack-

ling serious subjects have been woven into the DNA of the industry since the beginning," said Dansky. "We've always had people who've attempted to use this medium for more than just 'shoot 'em in the face.' I think what's happening now is unprecedented access to consumers and the awareness the Internet allows us."

Ryan Payton, the head of game studio Camouflaj who previously worked on the "Metal Gear Solid" and "Halo" series, said he had to balance the financial rigors of game development with his personal desire to explore a mature topic while crafting the mobile game "Republique," which casts players as a hacker guiding a woman through a dystopia where individuality is banned.

"My end goal is to not only make enough money to keep the business going and our 25 employees well fed," said Payton. "It's also that I know, through our game, we could touch millions — if not possibly tens of millions — of people in all parts of the world and get them to think seriously about surveillance infrastructures, whether they're corporate or governmental." While indie games have long been the biggest sector of the industry to tackle sociopolitical topics like diversity, personal freedom, mental health and sexual identity, developers at PAX Prime said that

line of thinking has come to many mainstream games in recent years, pointing to "The Last of Us" and "The Walking Dead: The Game" as examples of titles that took such risks.

Toiya Kristen Finley, a writer who recently worked on a mobile game called "Fat Chicken," which lightheartedly looks at the issue of factory farming, said the most difficult topic for game designers to confront has been sexual abuse. She chastised the PlayStation 3 game "Beyond: Two Souls" for limiting interactivity during a scene that dealt with a sexual assault at a bar.

"I'm not saying you can't have that content, but I think it's a problem when it's shortcut character development," said Finley. "It's often used to toughen a character up, but it just doesn't work that way. When you experience trauma, it can take years of healing. It's a long process. It's disrespecting to the character and players who've been through that, as well."

Ultimately, designers like Qais Fulton, who has worked on such games as "Crimson Dragon" and "Marlow Briggs and the Mask of Death," believes there's room in the cloud and on hard drives for all types of titles. Fulton is among the game developers who hope to bridge the divide between not-so-serious and more thoughtful games. □

GM to offer car that will almost drive itself

TOM KRISHER

AP Auto Writer

DETROIT (AP) — Cars that can talk to each other and almost drive themselves at freeway speeds are just two years away from the showroom, according to General Motors executives.

The company announced Sunday that the semi-autonomous system for freeways will be an option on an unidentified new 2017 Cadillac that goes on sale in the summer of 2016. In addition, another 2017 Cadillac, the CTS, will be equipped with radio transmitters and receivers that will let it communicate with other cars, sharing data such as location, speed and whether the driver is applying the brakes.

The announcements were made Sunday at the opening of the Intelligent Transportation Society World Congress being held in Detroit this week. They are part of a barrage of similar declarations that are expected from other companies throughout the week as the industry shows off

progress toward self-driving and safer cars.

The freeway system, dubbed "Super Cruise," uses cameras and radar to keep the car in the center of a lane and also stay a safe distance behind cars in front of it. The system will bring the car to a complete stop if traffic halts without driver action, and it can keep the car going in stop-and-go traffic.

Other automakers, such as Mercedes-Benz, now offer similar systems that work at low speeds, but GM says it's the first to announce a system that operates at highway speeds. Others could have freeway systems in two years, though. "If the mood strikes you on the high-speed road from Barstow, California, to Las Vegas, you can take a break from the wheel and pedals and let the car do the work," CEO Mary Barra said in remarks prepared for the conference's keynote address on Sunday. But GM said the car still won't drive itself, and the company is working on a system to monitor drivers

to make sure they're still paying attention. Details of that system weren't released.

"Sensing technology is not yet to the point where the driver can check out," said John Capp, GM's director of global safety strategy. "This is a level of automation that can be done, that is feasible."

The new Cadillac that will get Super Cruise hasn't been officially announced yet. But executives have hinted that GM will build a big rear-drive Caddy to lead its lineup in the coming years.

Also Sunday, the Michigan Department of Transportation announced that it will partner with GM, Ford Motor Co. and the University of Michigan to build a pilot project connecting cars and roads on 120 miles (193 kilometers) of Detroit-area freeways. They gave no time frame for the project to start working, but said it would give southeast Michigan the lead in development of autonomous vehicles and those that talk to each other. □

Alibaba seeks to raise \$24.3B in IPO record

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Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — China's Alibaba Group is seeking to raise up to \$24.3 billion in its upcoming IPO — an amount that would be the most raised by a company in a stock market debut.

The documents didn't spell out when trading would begin. The debut is likely to come somewhere from Sept. 18 through Sept. 26. The timing hinges on how many issues regulators raise with the IPO. The company's management will begin to travel

shopping magnet for businesses and consumers alike as China's economy steadily grows. The company's network of sites includes Taobao, Tmall, and AliExpress, as well as Alibaba. Most of Alibaba's 279 million active buyers visit the sites at least once a month

companies, a testament to Alibaba's stunning growth since former schoolteacher Jack Ma started the company in his apartment 15 years ago. Alibaba plans to sell 123 million of the shares, with the rest being offered by the company's early investors, including Yahoo Inc., which is parting with some of its 22-percent stake. The fundraising target eclipses the \$16 billion Facebook raised in 2012, the most for a technology IPO. It also would top the all-time IPO fundraising record of \$22.1 billion set by the Agricultural Bank of China Ltd. in 2010, according to the research firm Dealogic. Even at \$60 per share, Alibaba's IPO would come close to matching the record set by the Agricultural Bank of China. Still, it's possible investors won't like what they hear during Alibaba's upcoming management presentations, dropping the IPO price. In its last fiscal year ending March 31, Alibaba earned \$3.7 billion, making it more profitable than eBay Inc. and Amazon.com Inc. combined. Amazon ended Friday with a market value of about \$160 billion while eBay's market value stood at \$67 billion. □



A janitor sweeps the ground at Alibaba's headquarters in Hangzhou, China. With less than a month before its initial public offering, the Alibaba Group is intent on showing just how profitable - and focused on mobile - it really is.
(Qilai Shen/The New York Times)

The e-commerce company and its early investors are hoping to sell up to 368 million shares for \$60 to \$66 apiece, according to a regulatory filing this weekend that sets the stage for Alibaba Group Ltd. to make its long-awaited debut on the New York Stock Exchange later this month.

around the world next week to meet with money managers and other investors interested in investing in Alibaba's IPO. If interest increases, the IPO price could be higher than \$66 per share. Alibaba has emerged as a hot commodity because of its e-commerce bazaar, a

on smartphones and other mobile devices, making the company attractive to investors as computing shifts away from laptop and desktop machines. At \$66 per share, Alibaba would debut with a market value of \$163 billion. That would be more than all but a handful of technology

T-Mobile accuses Huawei of theft from laboratory

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T-Mobile has filed a lawsuit against the Chinese smartphone maker Huawei Technologies, accusing the manufacturer of stealing technology, including part of a robot's arm, from T-Mobile's Bellevue, Washington, headquarters. In a lawsuit filed last week in Seattle, T-Mobile said that employees of Huawei, previously a T-Mobile supplier, gained illicit access to a T-Mobile lab in Bellevue, stole parts of a smartphone testing robot called Tappy, and copied operating software and design details, all in violation of confidentiality agreements signed by the two companies. In one instance, in May 2013, a Huawei employee removed an end section of Tappy's arm and "slipped the hidden part into his laptop bag when leaving," according to the lawsuit. The employee's actions were caught on camera, the lawsuit said. T-Mobile did not specify the amount of damages it was seeking for the espionage, which it claims took place in 2012 and 2013. But it said that the cost of switching away from its former supplier's handsets would "likely reach at least tens of millions of dollars." A Huawei spokesman, William Plummer, acknowledged that two employees had acted inappropriately and had since been fired. "There is some truth to the complaint," he said in a statement, adding, "Huawei respects T-Mobile's right to file suit, and we will cooperate fully with any investigation and court proceeding to protect our rights and interests." According to T-Mobile, Tappy performs tasks on a smartphone the same way a human being would, only faster, recording the results. Since T-Mobile started to use Tappy to test smartphones in 2007, testing times, as well as the number of consumers returning phones, have decreased significantly, the lawsuit says. □

Job growth is sluggish, raising fear of malaise

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Missing: nearly 3 million American workers. This isn't the latest dystopian science fiction story or the pitch for a Hollywood thriller. It is the economic trend that has alarmed experts and policymakers alike. A growing number of people - many in their prime working years - have simply given up on landing a job. On Friday, the Labor Department reported that the overall unemployment rate dropped slightly to 6.1 percent in August. But that improvement was mostly a result of Americans dropping out of the labor force, not of their finding work. The situation helps explain

why so many ordinary Americans remain doubtful about the recovery, now in its fifth year. Adding to the discontent, the pace of job creation in August also slowed. Employers added 142,000 workers to their payrolls, the smallest number this year; it was the first time since January that monthly job creation fell below the 200,000 level. It is tempting to discount weaker hiring in any single month, and August tends to be especially unpredictable. As millions of people take their summer breaks, a smaller proportion of Americans respond to government data collectors during the month, said Tara M. Sinclair, an econo-

mist at Indeed.com, one of the nation's largest sites for job postings. Economists at Bank of America Merrill Lynch noted that August payroll growth had been revised upward in 12 of the last 15 years by an average of 31,000. "The report was clearly disappointing and contrasts with the otherwise strong economic data we have seen recently," the bank said in a note to clients. "We advise not overreacting given the volatility of nonfarm payrolls and possibility of an upward revision." But the fall in the labor participation rate cannot be dismissed as an aberration. The rate dropped to 62.8 percent last month,

the lowest level since the late 1970s. Although the shrinking proportion of Americans in the workforce is often attributed to the retirement of baby boomers, 25- to 54-year-old workers are quitting as well. Just over 81 percent of this group was in the workforce last month, compared with 83.4 percent in early 2007, equivalent to the disappearance of nearly three million workers. "The structure of the U.S. economy has shifted," said Dean Maki, chief U.S. economist at Barclays. "Some of these people dropped out when the labor market was bad, and it's not clear how many will come back." □

Technophoria:

OkCupid's Unblushing Analyst of Attraction

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Christian Rudder is mild-mannered in person. But in his official capacity as the president of OkCupid, an irreverent online-dating site, he likes to provoke.

The job allows Rudder, a 39-year-old Harvard math grad, to study the calculus of human attraction. He oversees OkCupid's in-house research into the predilections of millions of its members. To drive traffic to the site, he publicizes the results on a company blog, often delving into volatile themes - like members' attitudes toward the appearance, age and race of potential dates.

"That's the OkCupid cocktail right there," he told me over coffee one recent morning near his home in Brooklyn.

So it seemed only natural this summer, after Facebook came under fire for a research study in which it manipulated content viewed by a subset of its members, for Rudder to piggyback on the controversy. In a blog post - with the button-pushing headline "We Experiment on Human Beings!" - Rudder announced that OkCupid, too, had manipulated information seen by some users.

"Guess what, everybody," he wrote, "if you use the Internet, you're the subject of hundreds of experiments at any given time, on every site."

His remarks set off a sharp backlash among people who objected to the notion that companies have carte blanche to use online consumers as lab rats. "You're just lying to people," a reader named Brandon commented on the OkCupid site. "Admittedly, this is pretty benign stuff, but I don't think you should be so casual about it."

Now Rudder has written a book, called "Dataclysm: Who We Are When We Think No One's Looking" (Crown), to be released Tuesday, in which he argues for wider industry

study of people's online searches, social interactions, clicks, pics, posts and the like. While Google, Facebook and Microsoft publish this kind of social science research, Rudder chronicles his own experience at OkCupid with the aim of encouraging smaller companies to do likewise - for the greater public good.

"I realized I could use the

do research on anything they want," says Elizabeth Buchanan, director of the Center for Applied Ethics at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. "But just because we can do this with the data, should we?"

Some companies, concerned about a lack of industrywide research ethics standards, are instituting formal internal review processes to vet their human

cally search for women between the ages of 24 and 40, Rudder reports, yet in practice they rarely contact anyone over 29.

"I see this as a statement of what men imagine they're supposed to desire," he writes in the book, "versus what they actually do."

To identify behavioral trends at OkCupid, programmers extract raw data about users - minus

five than the average for the site, while they rated African-American women 25 percent less attractive. In fact, Rudder reports, black women on the site receive about 25 percent fewer first messages than other women do. For Rudder, these numbers unequivocally tell a story of racism.

"The data we see in this chapter shows racism isn't



Christian Rudder, president and co-founder of OkCupid, at the online dating website's offices in New York. Rudder's own data-driven research into the predilections of OkCupid's millions of members led him to write "Dataclysm: Who We Are When We Think No One's Looking." (Chester Higgins Jr./The New York Times)

data to examine taboos like race by direct introspection," Rudder writes, describing how he tapped into aggregated information about OkCupid members to examine online interactions between white men and black women. "The data was sitting right there on our servers. It was an irresistible social opportunity."

This kind of limitless data-mining is possible because most sites, OkCupid included, have use policies that give them unfettered rights to harness users' details for research and product improvement.

"The industry has so much data and the data are so accessible, they can

studies.

"If we had clear procedures and training processes that everybody had to go through, a lot of this would just get handled at the outset," says Duncan J. Watts, a principal researcher at Microsoft Research, who has been developing an internal research review program with some colleagues. "Researchers are thoughtful people. We just don't have good sets of rules to follow."

Rudder is particularly interested in the divide between the mates people claim they want and their actual online pursuits. Witness the actions of 35-year-old heterosexual men on OkCupid. These men typi-

caly identifying information like their names. Then Rudder himself analyzes the data and turns those numbers into narratives. But interpreting metrics can be tricky.

Take the section in "Dataclysm" on racism among date seekers. Rudder describes data on heterosexual OkCupid members who, as part of using the site, looked at photos and profiles of potential dates and rated their attractiveness on a scale of one to five. People of both genders routinely preferred potential dates of their own race or ethnicity.

As a group, for instance, Latino men rated Latinas as 13 percent more attrac-

a problem of outliers," he writes. "It is pervasive."

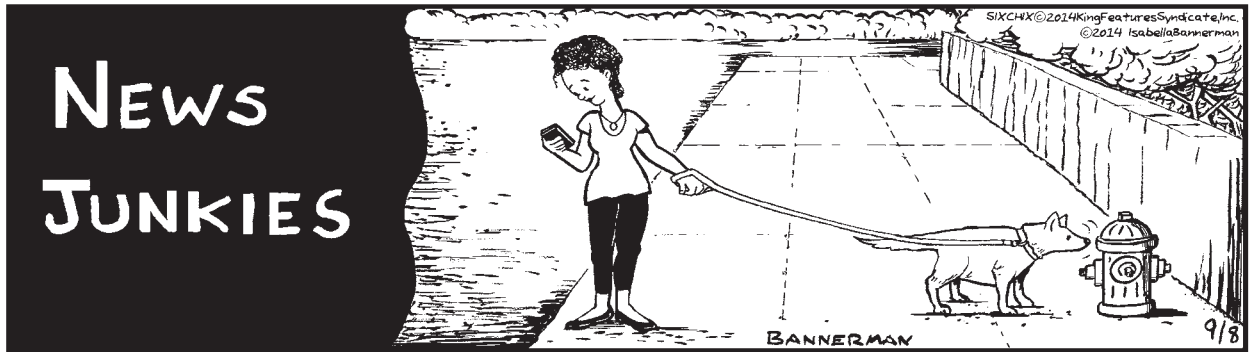
Interpreting a de facto beauty contest as a national referendum on racism, however, seems problematic. Just because some people are more attracted to members of their own race doesn't automatically make them racist; a whole constellation of cultural, familial, societal and biological inclinations can contribute to our notions of the ideal mate.

Indeed, "Dataclysm" illustrates the potential hazards of taking consumer data collected for one purpose and using it to extract meaning about a secondary theme. □

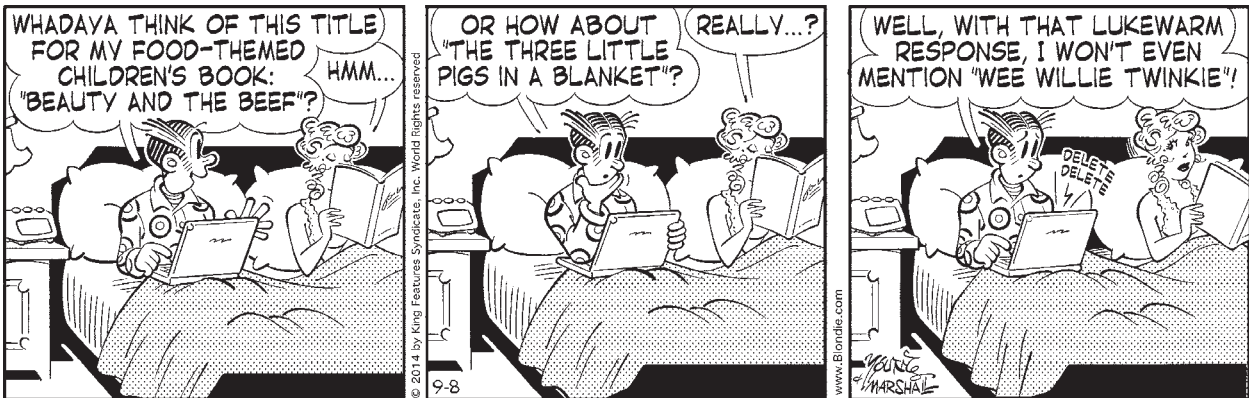
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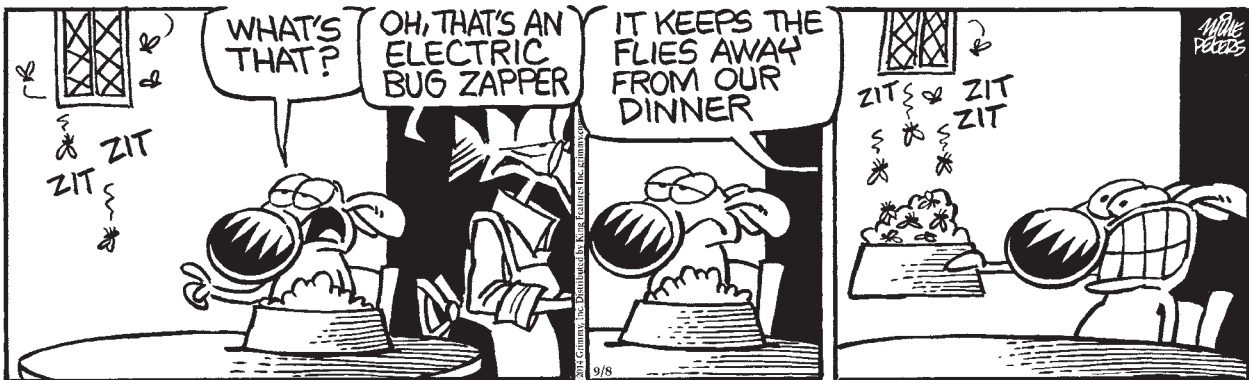
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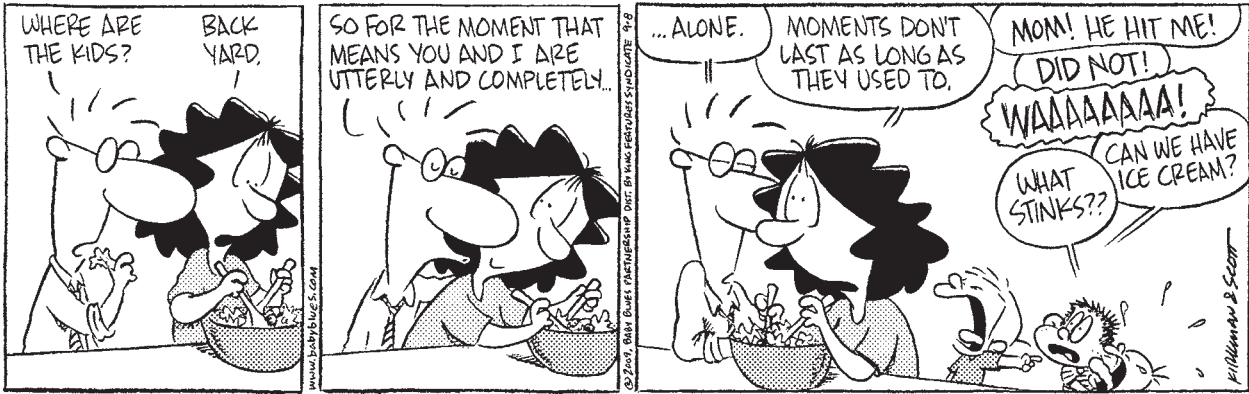
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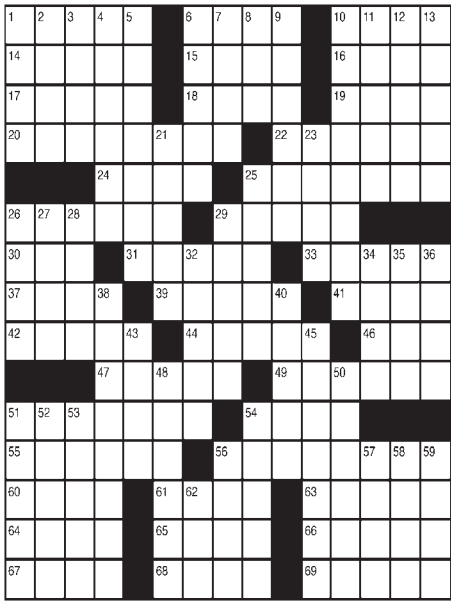
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- Con game
- Fido's feet
- Contemptible person
- Comic actress Imogene __
- Eve's mate
- Explorer __ de León
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- Peril
- Christmas tree, often
- Crazy and wild
- "Murder on the __ Express"
- Long seat
- Took first place
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- __pocus; magic
- Dines
- Hilarious people
- Vatican leader
- Pig's nose
- High-powered surgical beam
- Cut off
- Showed boldness
- Rat or mouse
- Walked like a duck
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- Smell
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- Twelve inches
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- Get away
- Dizzy
- Frighten
- Milk producers
- Highest heart
- Infuriate
- Place to borrow money & leave your goods as collateral
- Saying
- Any shorebird
- Smug smile
- Go into
- Curved beam overhead
- Outperforms
- Has debts
- Reddish horse
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- Wide
- Had a bug
- "Old King __", nursery rhyme
- Come __; find
- Aug.'s follower
- All at once

- Watery part of the blood
- Saga
- Love story
- Vacation spot
- Daisy Duck's love
- Far-out
- Once more
- Dentist's tool
- Sudden increase
- Sound the horn
- Frosted
- Bangkok native
- Days of __; yesteryear
- 24-hour period

At Beckham and Altuzarra, Risks Work

Vanessa Friedman

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NEW YORK - Sometimes the trickle-down theory works in ways you least expect. President Barack Obama's foreign policy catchphrase, "Don't do stupid stuff," for example, may have pundits in a dither over whether it is a cop-out or realpolitik deserving of phrase, but for some designers in New York, it is clearly a principle that appears to make a whole lot of sense.

You can understand why: On the constantly rotating hamster wheel that is the fashion cycle, going out on a limb with a collection if you have not fully worked it through is a scary proposition. It exposes your soft underside. Better to play it prudent.

This is not necessarily bad (at least when it comes to style), though in clothing terms it can be boring: It generally translates as iterations on a familiar theme, and means there are no glaring missteps in a collection, no weird conceptual moments involving, say, women-as-shrubbery, or women-as-alien-space-creatures. But it also means there are few surprises.

So at Alexander Wang, the designer nudged his activewear aesthetic from hip to haute, jogging it up-town from the Bowery to, say, Chelsea, on the wings of his inspiration - i.e., his favorite sneakers.

Although the show opened with a number of black-and-white trouser looks that seemed markedly reminiscent of his work at Balenciaga, it segued into the world of wardrobe staples seen through a sporty lens: tuxedo trousers with athletic mesh strips up the sides, bright Nike origami minidresses, tailored gray shorts and cropped embroidered baseball jackets.

Dresses were given a tribal (or team) feel through tightly tacked down micro-pleating that swirled around the torso and kicked out into a tennis skirt. And there were a few really lovely floor-length silk satin T-shirt dresses, the sides inlaid with athletic mesh, and an abstract swirl (swoosh?) of a contrast

color that didn't resemble anything that had gone down Wang's runway before.

Meanwhile, at Victoria Beckham, Beckham seems to have relaxed



A Moi models line up with rackets backstage at a show during New York Fashion Week in New York, Sept. 5, 2014.
(Casey Kelbaugh/The New York Times)

into her own slightly expanded signature. Clean lines and precise tailoring were leavened by new (for her) materials, most notably a sandy jute that appeared in graceful mid-calf summer coats with an integral high-waist belt, patch-pocket safari suiting and pieced T-shirt minidresses, interspersed with strips of leather.

There were stretch-knit fluted sundresses and mid-calf skirts brightened by broad black-and-white stripes at the hem paired with chunky braided cotton sweaters - all firmly in

step (Beckham also introduced her first shoe line) with the movement toward a feminized minimalism pioneered by Phoebe Philo at Céline. But the biggest news of the show was ... flowers! (Well, plus one anomalous knit geometric jumpsuit that seemed to have escaped from a Frank Stella painting.)

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Monkey study: Ebola vaccine works, needs booster

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WASHINGTON (AP) — New monkey studies show that one shot of an experimental Ebola vaccine can trigger fast protection, but the effect waned unless the animals got a booster shot made a different way. Some healthy people are rolling up their sleeves at the National Institutes of Health for the first human safety study of this vaccine in hopes it eventually might be used in the current Ebola outbreak in West Africa.

The NIH on Sunday published some of the key animal research behind those injections. One reason the vaccine was deemed promising was that a single dose protected all four vaccinated monkeys when they were exposed to high levels of Ebola virus just five weeks later, researchers reported in the journal *Nature Medicine*. Is five weeks fast enough? That's in line with other vaccines routinely used today, and fortunately it didn't take multiple doses to trigger that much protection, said Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of NIH's National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, whose employees led the work.

The bigger challenge is that the protection wanes over time.

Researchers exposed monkeys to Ebola 10 months after vaccination, and this time only half were protected.

Partial protection is better than none, Fauci said. But the goal is long-lasting protection, so it was time to try booster shots. The vaccine is made with a chim-

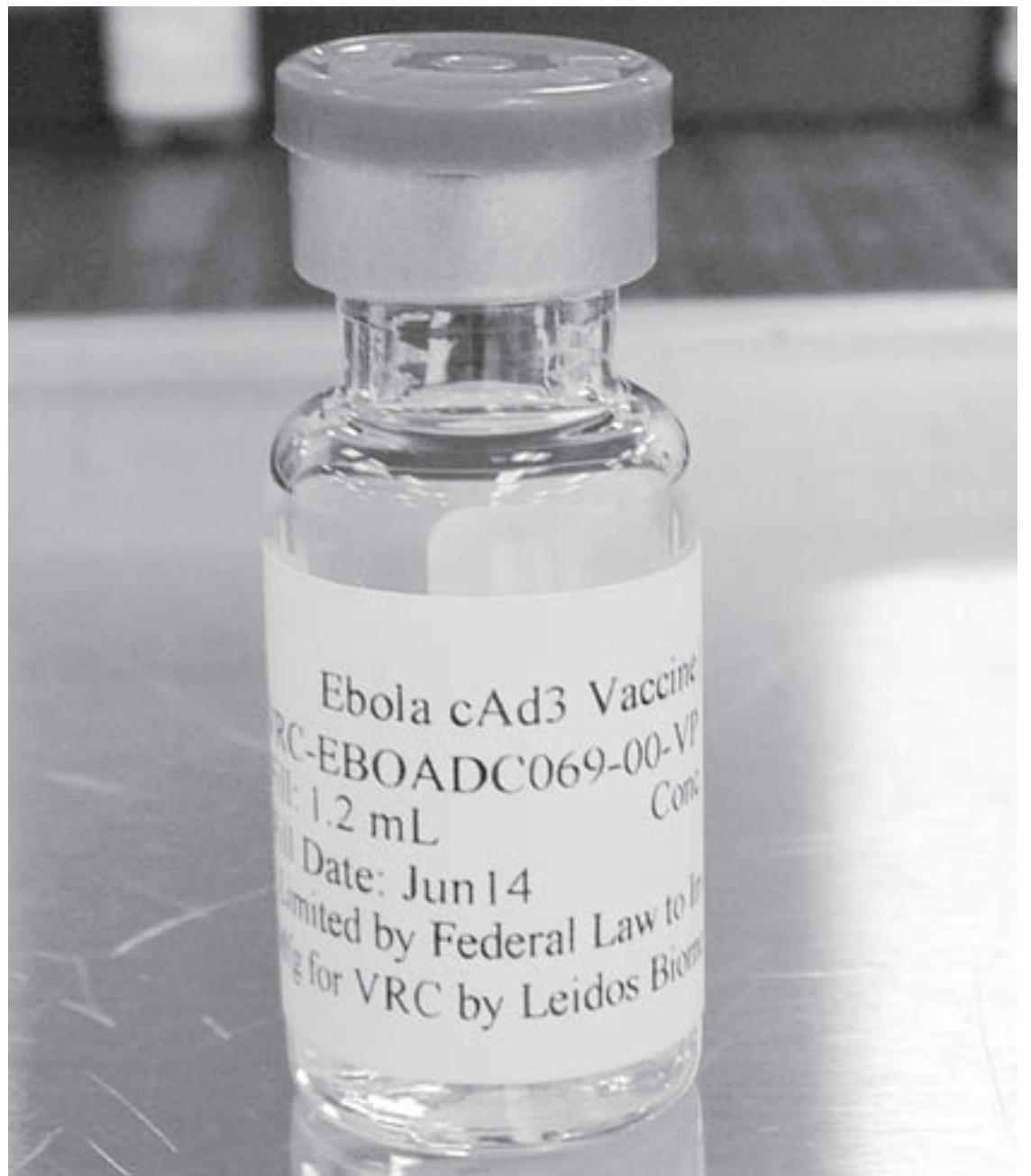
panzee cold virus, used as a delivery system for pieces of an Ebola gene. The researchers tried simply giving another dose as a booster two months later. That didn't work well enough.

So they tried a different approach called "prime-boost." The first dose, to prime the immune system, was that original chimp virus-based Ebola vaccine. But for the booster two months later, they made vaccine a different way. They encased the same Ebola gene pieces inside a poxvirus that's used to make a vaccine against smallpox. (Neither vaccine type can cause Ebola.)

This time, all four monkeys still were protected 10 months after the initial shot.

With the Ebola crisis rapidly worsening, the World Health Organization said Friday that it would try to speed the use of certain experimental products, including two vaccine candidates. The WHO said that in November, it expects early results from first-stage studies to see if the vaccine appears safe and triggers an immune reaction in people. That would help determine whether to test the shots' effectiveness in health care workers in West Africa.

Small animal and human safety studies cannot guarantee that experimental vaccines really work in an outbreak, Fauci said. That's why he emphasizes public health measures such as isolating the sick, quarantine and, especially for health workers, using personal protec-



This undated handout photo provided by National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and GlaxoSmithKline (NIAID/GSK) shows a vaccine candidate, in a vial, that will be used in human Ebola trials. **Associated Press**

tion equipment. "Make sure people do what works," he said. The booster-shot findings illustrate an added complexity to speeding an experimental vaccine into the field. The initial first phase study results would shed light only on that "priming" vaccine made

from the chimp cold virus, Fauci said. The poxvirus booster step would be tested later only if scientists decided the initial vaccine was promising enough. Still, manufacturer GlaxoSmithKline has said it plans to begin manufacturing up to 10,000 doses of the

initial NIH-developed vaccine.

Canadian researchers created a similar Ebola vaccine that works in monkeys. Manufacturer NewLink Genetics of Ames, Iowa, said first-stage safety testing in healthy volunteers is set to begin in a few weeks. □

Small meteorite strikes Nicaragua, government says

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — Nicaragua's government says a loud boom heard overnight by residents of the capital was made by a small meteorite that left a crater in a wooded area near the city's airport. Government spokeswoman Rosario Murillo said Sunday that a com-

mittee formed by the government to study the event confirmed it was a "relatively small" meteorite that "appears to have come off an asteroid that was passing close to Earth." Murillo said Nicaragua will ask international experts to help local scientists in understanding what hap-

pened. The crater left by the meteorite had a radius of 12 meters (39 feet) and a depth of 5 meters (16 feet), said Humberto Saballos of the Nicaraguan Institute of Territorial Studies. He said it is still not clear if the meteorite disintegrated or was buried. □



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LOS ANGELES (AP) — The cast and crew of the FX drama "Sons of Anarchy" gathered in Hollywood Saturday night for their seventh, and final, season premiere. Saying goodbye to the series clearly hasn't been easy for Kat-ey Sagal, who walked the red carpet with her husband, series creator Kurt Sutter.

"I feel enormously grateful for having been here, and I also feel in denial that it's ending," the actress said. "You know, I was weeping a little bit last night about it." Then why end the hit show, which centers on a family comprised of members of an outlaw motorcycle club, who are in a Shakespearean-like battle for power? Explained Sutter, "Quite honestly, after seven seasons, because of all the factors, it becomes very expensive to produce."

Four years ago, Sutter transformed that economic reality into artistic inspiration, creating a sprawling mythology that would conclude at the end of a seventh season -- gambling that the

series would last that long.

This week's premiere, airing Sept. 9, finds the club leader, Jax (Charlie Hunnam), enlisting his brothers to avenge the murder of his wife Tara. What Jax has yet to learn is that the murderer is own mother, Jenna (Sagal), who, thinking she was protecting Jax, repeatedly stabbed Tara in the head with a carving fork.

As usual, Sutter has revealed few plot specifics. However, producers have confirmed that final-season guest stars will include Lea Michele ("Glee") and musician-actress Courtney Love, both of whom attended the premiere. "I play a kindergarten teacher," Love said, then poked fun of her own bad-girl persona, "because when you think of me, I know, you think, immediately, 'kindergarten teacher.'"

Last year's episodes of "Anarchy" attracted an average of 10 million viewers, making it the most popular series on FX. Hunnam shared a story about a recent encounter with two of those viewers while he was waiting for a bike part in what he called a



From left, Paris Barclay, Charlie Hunnam, Kat-ey Sagal, FX Networks CEO John Landgraf, and Ally Walker attend the LA Premiere Screening of "Sons Of Anarchy" after party at Avalon Hollywood on Saturday, Sept. 6, 2014, in Los Angeles.

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"sketchy' Los Angeles neighborhood.

"These two dudes came walking toward me, and they were serious dudes," Hunnam recalled. "And I thought, 'What is this go-

ing to be about?' And, no smile, nothing, they just said, 'Hey, bro. Thank you, man.' And I said, 'Thank you for what?' And they said, 'You make the 'hood safe on Tuesday nights.'" □

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'Guardians' tops box office for fourth weekend

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LOS ANGELES (AP) —

"Guardians of the Galaxy" continues to rule the box office universe.

The cosmic Marvel adventure arrived in first place at the box office for a fourth weekend with \$10.2 million, according to studio estimates Sunday. The domestic haul for "Guardians," which features Chris Pratt and Zoe Saldana as intergalactic do-gooders, now stands at \$294.6 million after six weeks of release.

"Guardians" furthered cemented itself as the top grossing film of the year in North America, eclipsing the \$259.8 million earned by fellow Marvel movie "Captain America: The Winter Soldier." The sci-fi romp earned an additional \$11.5 million internationally, bringing its worldwide total to \$586.2 million.



This image released by Disney - Marvel shows Chris Pratt in a scene from "Guardians Of The Galaxy." Associated Press

Despite the continued success of "Guardians," the weekend box office marked the slowest of the year with the total for all films released projected at \$65 million, down 23 percent from a year ago, according to Paul Dergarabedian, senior me-

dia analyst for box-office tracker Rentrak.

Paramount's "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" sliced off second place in its fifth weekend with \$6.5 million, bringing the domestic total of the live-action superhero reboot starring Megan Fox and Will Arnett

to \$174.6 million.

The Warner Bros. young-adult novel adaptation "If I Stay," starring Chloe Grace Moretz, took third place in its third weekend with \$5.7 million.

The weekend's only new release, Freestyle's musical drama "The Identical," dismally debuted in 11th place with \$1.9 million. The film starring Ray Liotta and Ashley Judd failed to achieve the successes of similar faith-based films as "Heaven Is for Real," "God's Not Dead" and "Son of God" released this year. □

Former NYPD head Ray Kelly has book deal

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NEW YORK (AP) - Former New York City Police Commissioner Raymond W. Kelly, who presided over a dramatic drop in crime rates during a long and sometimes controversial tenure as head of the country's largest force, has a book deal.

Hachette Books told The Associated Press on Sunday that Kelly is working on a memoir that will come out in the Fall 2015. The book is currently untitled.

"I have had the honor of serving my city and my country, and now Hachette has presented me with an enormous opportunity to share my story, my thoughts on the challenges faced by law enforcement, and my years in public service," Kelly said in a statement issued through Hachette. "Over five decades, New York City and America have changed dramatically, and perhaps I have some perspective on that." According to Hachette, Kelly will cover his decades in law enforcement and offer advice on leadership. He will discuss his relationship with former Mayor Michael Bloomberg and other government officials and will take on criticisms he faced,

including for the monitoring of Muslims and for the department's "stop-and-frisk" policy, which a judge ruled last year sometimes discriminated against minorities. "The memoir will detail his transformation of the NYPD into a unique counterterrorism and crime-reducing force after the 9/11 attacks, as well as the 16 thwarted terrorist attempts foiled during his tenure," Hachette announced. "Commissioner Kelly will offer lessons, address criticisms, and candidly discuss the many challenges and controversies that he encountered along the way. Readers will also learn how a street-fighting kid from the gritty streets of New York's old Upper West Side became an internationally respected figure."

Kelly, 73, was the city's longest-serving police commissioner and the first to serve non-consecutive terms, the latter running from 2002-2013. He was an independent who has worked under both Democrats and Republicans, including former President Bill Clinton as the head of customs. He is currently a consultant for ABC News and president of risk management services at Cushman & Wakefield, a commercial real estate firm. □

Oprah opens 'Oprah's The Life You Want Weekend'

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ATLANTA (AP) — Oprah Winfrey and a team of guests on Saturday completed the first stop of an eight-city U.S. tour of "Oprah's The Life You Want Weekend," rocking an Atlanta arena where thousands danced, applauded and sought inspiration for transforming their lives.

Atlanta was the opening city and featured Oprah and such guests as authors Deepak Chopra and Elizabeth Gilbert, inspirational speaker Iyanla Vanzant and pastor Rob Bell. A statement released by organizers said the arena tour was intended as a catalyst for a wider movement to engage, encourage and empower women.

Winfrey spoke about identifying one's life purpose and led exercises on taking actions to reach those goals. At times there were funny reflections on life while other soul-searching moments led to crying as

people considered areas in their lives they wished to change.

Thronged by thousands in a mostly female crowd, the Atlanta event that opened Friday was styled as somewhat of an intimate gathering with Oprah. She joked about how friends found it interesting that so many would attend her tour when she can't sing or dance. Her comments drew laughter from the crowd.

Organizers said that the tour is planning upcoming stops in Auburn Hills, Michigan; Washington, D.C.; Newark, New Jersey; Houston; Miami; Seattle and a final date Nov. 15 in San Jose, California.

At the end of two days in Atlanta, Oprah teared up as she thanked the audience for trusting that "this was worthy of you spending your hard-earned money to be here" and by telling the audience at the end: "Together we rise."

Dr. Joe Bianco, an emergency room doctor from



Oprah Winfrey speaks on stage at the "Oprah's The Life You Want Weekend," in Atlanta Georgia.

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Isles of Palm, South Carolina, brought his wife Melissa to the event as a birthday present. He said he thought it touched many and people would be increasingly talking about the tour on social media as it travels to other cities. Of the speakers and guests, he said: "All these people came from very little and built an empire from what they were thinking." □

When Reporting Is Dangerous



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My heart broke for Steven Sotloff, the second American journalist beheaded in Syria, not only because of the barbarity the Islamic State group inflicted on him but also because he died trying to push back against the trend in news coverage.

Over the last couple of decades, we've all seen trivialization of news, a drift toward celebrity, scandal and salaciousness.

So far this year, nightly newscasts on ABC, CBS and NBC have offered a combined total of 3 minutes of coverage of the civil war and impending famine in South Sudan, and 9 minutes about mass atrocities in Central African Republic, according to Andrew Tyndall of the Tyndall Report, which tracks such things. In contrast, the missing Malaysian airliner drew 304 minutes (almost five times as much as the Syrian civil war).

That's why this is a moment to honor Sotloff - and James Foley, the other American journalist executed, and so many others out on the front lines - not just for his physical courage, but also for his moral courage in trying to focus attention on neglected stories. He shone a spotlight in dark nooks of the world to help shape the global agenda.

It was a struggle for him.

"I've been here over a week and no one wants freelance because of the kidnappings," Sotloff emailed another journalist while in Syria before his kidnapping, according to Reuters. "It's pretty bad here. I've been sleeping at a front, hiding from tanks the past few nights, drinking rainwater."

One of the biggest changes that I've seen in my career is that journalists and aid workers have become targets. Virulent extremist groups now see journalists as enemies, and subject captives to abuse and torture. For instance, the Islamic State reportedly waterboarded Foley before murdering him.

In addition, in conflict areas, any petty criminal with a gun can kidnap a journalist or aid worker and sell him or her to a group that will demand a ransom. European nations pay these ransoms, which both enrich the terror groups and create an incentive to kidnap other foreigners.

A New York Times investigation found that al-Qaida and its direct affiliates had raised at least \$125 million from kidnappings since 2008. That's a powerful business model for a terror group, and it's one reason journalism and aid work is more dangerous today. Last year, 70 journalists were killed for doing their jobs, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists. Over the last few years, some 70 journalists have been killed while covering the Syrian conflict, and about 20 are missing.

Most of those are Syrian, and let's remember that the greatest danger is faced not by the Western journalists but by local ones - or by the local translators and drivers working for Western journalists.

In Darfur once, my interpreter and I were frantically interviewing villagers as a warlord was approaching to massacre them. Finally, my interpreter said: We've just got to go. If they catch us, they'll hold you for ransom. But they'll just shoot me.

We fled.

One way to honor Foley and Sotloff (and Daniel Pearl and many others killed over the years) would be for the United States to speak up more forcefully for journalists imprisoned by foreign governments - often by our friends, like Turkey or Ethiopia. Think of Es-kinder Nega, serving an 18-year sentence in Ethiopia, or Somyot Prueksakasemsuk, a Thai serving 11 years for publishing articles deemed insulting to the king of Thailand.

Today there are Steven Sotloffs covering war in Ukraine, Ebola in Liberia, malnutrition in India - and also covering unemployment and crime in American cities.

They are indefatigable and relentless. Once while I was covering the Congo civil war with a group of Africa-based reporters, our plane crashed. It was terrifying for me, but another passenger (a reporter based in Nairobi) told me it was her third plane crash. Yet another colleague on that plane was later killed covering a conflict in West Africa.

A special shout-out to the photojournalists and video journalists, for they often take the greatest risks. A reporter like myself can keep a distance, while that's useless for those with cameras. My first rule of covering conflicts is never to accept a ride from photographers, because when they hear gunfire they rush toward it. Just Wednesday, it was confirmed that a Russian photojournalist, Andrei Stenin, had been killed in Ukraine.

So, to Steven Sotloff and James Foley and all brave journalists putting themselves in harm's way, whatever nationality, this column is a tribute to you - and to your loved ones, who suffer as well.

We mourn you; we miss you; and, we admire you. And your commitment to the serious over the salacious elevates not only journalism but the entire global society. □



Will China Defeat Obesity?



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Say what you will about the Chinese, but they know how to make wholesale changes, and sometimes those changes are arguably for the good. As noted in an editorial in The Lancet last week, the life span of the average person in China in 1950 was 40 years; by 2011 it was around 76. (The average life span in the United States in 2011 was 79.) The causes of this near doubling of life span are no secret: China has developed public health programs that have reduced communicable diseases to a manageable level. This is certainly good news. But it means that people are now dying of non-communicable diseases, or chronic diseases that are largely preventable. These diseases, most common in wealthier nations, are caused not by malnutrition in the classic sense but by overconsumption of disease-causing foods as well as lack of exercise and environmental dangers. Because things are moving so fast in China, and because that country can learn from the example of the United States and others, perhaps it can pull off a public-health leapfrog and avoid the West's fate of a rapid and tragic increase in obesity levels and the diseases with which they're associated.

And there's hope: The authors of the Lancet editorial wrote that Li Bin, China's new minister of health and family planning, "has the political will, together with the support of international colleagues, to meet the urgent challenge" of these noncommunicable diseases and the problems they pose for China's future.

In high-income countries, excess weight is the third-leading risk factor in death. The importance of addressing this was brought home again last month with the publication of a new study and editorial, also in The Lancet. The work looked at 22 cancers in Britain and their association with body mass index (BMI), a simple but more effective measure of obesity than weight alone. The conclusions of the study, which involved 5.24 million people, were both notable and not entirely unexpected: When adjusted for factors like age and smoking, a higher BMI was associated with a large increase in risk of cancers of the uterus, kidney, gallbladder, and liver, and smaller risk increases for at least six other types of cancer.

Most people are aware of the links among obesity, diabetes and heart disease, but cancer is only occasionally discussed. And although that association is not news precisely, there are a couple of aspects of the new study that make it notable. The sheer size and carefulness of the study add credibility to the obesity-cancer link. And by showing that the more obese a person is, the greater the likelihood of his developing certain cancers, it's powerful.

The ways in which obesity makes an individual more prone to cancer are far from well understood. Finding those ways may lead to more successful treatment of cancer, and it's important and continuing work. But identifying what kind of policy might work

to reduce obesity - regulations, taxes, subsidies for nonfattening foods, education about better diets and so on - is, or should be, the primary work of public-health officials, activists and forward-thinking politicians.

With a staggering 70 percent of our adult population overweight or obese, the United States was until recently the world's leader in this unenviable race. Recently, Mexico (71.3 percent), took our place. (In China, the combined obesity-overweight rate is hovering at under 30 percent, still frightening.) Yet Mexico, which many Americans and Europeans haughtily consider primitive, was the first major nation in the world to institute significant soda and junk food taxes. That law went into effect early this year, and the results are already positive: sales of soda are slipping.

In the 21st century, it is inevitable that nearly every citizen of the world has been and will continue to be affected by the scourge of junk food and liquid candy. Even though intelligent proposals abound, few countries have attempted to curb their marketing or sales. Without limits, the consumption of unhealthy foods will result in higher rates of obesity, and therefore an increase in associated diseases and premature deaths.

If we know how to diminish needless human suffering and mortality, why would we not? As Mexico has shown, it's the responsibility of government to protect its population from hyper-processed food.

China has the potential to apply the lessons learned not only from its own positive experience dealing with communicable disease, but from the tragic mistakes made by so-called developed nations. It has a chance to turn the tide against disease-causing diets before it's too late. Sadly, we may need its example to wake up to our own problems. □

Lavender Farmers Rebel Against EU Chemical Rules

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PARIS (AP) — The sweet smell of lavender is tinged with bitterness this year in the south of France, as farmers who harvest the flower protest European regulations linking the plant to chemical toxins.

Billboards proclaiming "Lavender is not a chemical" dot fields that yield what in Provence is known as blue gold — lavender oil, worth over 100 euros a kilogram (\$60 a pound). The plant is cultivated by around 1,500 producers, representing 30,000 full-time jobs that include catering to the millions of tourists in the south of France who come for the panoramic views of purple fields.

For many, Provence is synonymous with lavender, both fine lavender — used for perfumes, cosmetics and aromatherapy — and hybrid lavender, called lavandin. Lavandin is cheapest and used to scent soaps, detergents and air fresheners.

And they fear European Union rules adopted last year and due to come in force by 2018 will threaten that. According to regulators, lavender oil's potential to produce allergies places it firmly within regulations

on chemical toxins. That means lavender products will have to bear labels involving bold black and red warning labels with messages such as "CAN BE FATAL IF SWALLOWED OR INHALED."

Producers say the rules are too extreme — they note that lavender oil allergies usually produce only rashes — and too expensive for small farmers.

Lavender producers are now fighting "to survive," said Francis Vidal, honorary president of APAL, an organization of lavender essential oil producers. In addition to the billboards, the group has organized an online petition, signed by over 15,000 people.

"The consequence of this ruling, in the very short term, would be the ruin of our plantations and the disappearance of lavender from our Provencal countryside," APAL wrote in a letter sent to President Francois Hollande and other politicians.

Advocates point out that lavender oil was used as an antiseptic until the beginning of the 20th century, and even today is prized for its healing and calming properties.

"Lavender has been used for thousands of years," Vi-



Francis Vidal, honorary president of the local Lavender Oil Producers poses with a bouquet of lavender in Sederon, near Carpentras, southern France.
(AP Photo/Claude Paris)

dal said. "We never heard of any serious problems. Instead, we know that lavender oil helped save tens of thousands human lives." Even the European Commission acknowledges that any substance whose contents depend on the amount of sun it receives and the kind of soil it springs from is difficult to classify as a chemical product.

"Natural substances whose composition is variable require more effort and expertise in order to be registered compared to 'classical' industrial chemicals.

Other products subject to natural variations, like wine for example, aren't covered by the chemicals directive but are governed by the relevant food safety and sanitary rules," the commission said in a document provided to the AP. EU authorities met with lavender producers in April and are now working on ways to help producers to conform to the law. Proposals are to be made this autumn, according to the commission document. But producers claim lavender oil should simply be re-

classified under agricultural products.

French producers don't oppose mentioning a potential allergy risk on their product, Vidal said, but they are adamantly against the kinds of dire labels that can be found on chemicals used in industrial processes, such as hydrochloric acid or cleaning products.

"There is a risk being linked to a chemical, and can lead to confusion for consumers," said Emilie Zamora, in charge of communication for the PPAM, the union of producers of perfume, aromatic and medicinal plants.

In addition, producers would themselves be responsible for carrying out the chemical analysis. Many are small farmers who couldn't afford the expensive procedure, Vidal said.

Lavender farmers have received support from Raymond Chaillan, a French perfume creator whose nose helped create the scents for Opium, Anaïs Anaïs and Parfum d'Hermes.

"This new directive will foreshadow the death of the plantations of lavender, of hybrid lavender, and the sage from the southeast of France, this agriculture of the dry mountains," Chaillan wrote in a statement to support lavender producers. "It will further reduce the perfumers' palette, limiting their creativity." □



A field of lavender is pictured in Sederon, near Carpentras, southern France. The sweet smell of lavender is tinged with bitterness this year in the south of France, as farmers who harvest the flower protest European regulations linking the plant to chemical toxins.
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